

Los Angeles 13, California
April 15, 1948

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

RE: JOHN W. DUCKWORTH, et al;
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
SURPLUS PROPERTY ACT

Dear Sir:

On April 8th Special Agent (A) ROBERT L. WHITMARSH interviewed CARL W. LEWIS, 825 South Verdugo Road, Glendale, California, and the latter advised that early in 1946 he was doing some excavating work for JOHN W. DUCKWORTH, subject of the current investigation. DUCKWORTH is a wealthy rancher living in San Fernando, California, and has purchased over \$29,000 worth of surplus property from the War Assets Administration on the veteran's priority of YOSHIO IMOTO, who resided on DUCKWORTH's ranch for a short period of time. LEWIS states that early in 1946 he called DUCKWORTH by phone one day and the latter stated: "Call me back in a few minutes, I've got an FBI man up here that I'm entertaining." Later when LEWIS called him back, DUCKWORTH stated: "It cost me a case of scotch to get rid of that....." On another occasion DUCKWORTH bragged that he was personally acquainted with me. Obviously, the inference is that I was the individual he was entertaining.

I am not personally acquainted with DUCKWORTH and do not recall having met him under any circumstances and most assuredly have never been in his home or at his place of business. I informed Mr. LEWIS to that effect.

Very truly yours, **4 MAY 10 1948**
FBI INVESTIGATION

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

RBH:CPJ
46-1273

Director's not.: "Why don't we see Duckworth
& make him put up or shut y H.

ORIGINAL FILE IN

ANNUAL REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR () SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL ()

As of 3-31-48 based on performance during period from 4-1-47 to 3-31-48

Hood, Richard B.

(Name of employee)

Special Agent in Charge, CAF-15

(Title of position, service, and grade)

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐ All others ☐
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- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
- (2) Mechanical skill.
- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
- (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
- (7) Accuracy of operations.
- (8) Accuracy of final results.
- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
- (11) Industry.
- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records?) (Yes or no)
- (14) Ability to organize his work.
- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
- (16) Cooperativeness.
- (17) Initiative.
- (18) Resourcefulness.
- (19) Dependability.
- (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
- (30) Ability to make decisions.
- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

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STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED
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(B) Filed 6-23-48
4 JUN 1948
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STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective Rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and check marks or better on all other elements rated.	Excellent	Rating official <u> </u> Reviewing official <u> </u>
Check marks or better on all elements rated, and plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.	Very Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and all weak performance overcompensated by outstanding performance.	Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and all weak performance not overcompensated by outstanding performance.	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by W. R. Glavin Assistant Director 3-31-48
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee Report to employee
(Date) (Adjective rating)

Los Angeles, California
May 3, 1948

R. B. Hood

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: MR. MOHR
~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone conversation with MR. JOHN MOHR of the Bureau on May 3rd with reference to a telegram from Los Angeles on May 1st signed "Deputy Sheriff" in which it was alleged that while at the Sheriffs' Convention in Santa Barbara, I was intoxicated and caused embarrassment while attempting to make love with some deputy's wife, and damaged a Bureau automobile while returning to Los Angeles.

It has been ascertained through the records of the Western Union Company that this telegram was sent from a paystation, Madison 98728, which is in the lobby of the Biltmore Hotel. The Western Union employee pressed the sender for a name and address and he gave the name of JOE WASHINGTON, address Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, and 186 Lucas Street, Santa Barbara. The records of the Biltmore Hotel have been checked and it was ascertained there has been no guest by that name at the hotel recently. There is no Lucas Street in Santa Barbara and there is no deputy sheriff named WASHINGTON in Santa Barbara and I know of none in Los Angeles by that name. It is obviously a fictitious name.

As the Bureau knows, I attended the Sheriffs' Convention in Santa Barbara March 18th to 20th, 1948, together with SACs KIMBALL and MURPHY. I can account for my time while at the convention and without any question, wish to state that at no time was I intoxicated and certainly at no time was there any improper activity involving any woman and, furthermore, the Bureau car was not damaged at that time while in Santa Barbara or on the return trip or subsequent thereto.

This anonymous communication is obviously an attempt to discredit me for some reason.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB
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R. B. HOOD, SAC.

11 MAY 1948

August 19, 1948

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
AIR MAIL

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that it has been necessary to return to your office the report of Special Agent Charles G. Gusiok dated July 6, 1948, at Los Angeles, California, entitled "Alfred G. Williams, Regular Carrier, Post Office Department, Los Angeles, California, Loyalty of Government Employees."

This report upon review reflects that inadequate investigation was conducted of present and previous employment of the employee. In addition, it is noted the report reflects two different birth dates with no explanation or effort made by your office to explain this serious discrepancy.

You are fully cognizant of the Bureau's responsibilities under the Loyalty Program and the fact that the results of these investigations are furnished to other Government agencies. It is imperative that these cases be completely and thoroughly investigated before they are furnished to other agencies so that this Bureau will not be subject to criticism. I will not permit the Bureau to be subjected to such criticism because of the lack of sound judgment in the investigation and supervision of these cases.

It is desired that you give this matter your personal attention and insure that the amended report in this case will reach the Bureau no later than August 23, 1948.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAILED 3

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm

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FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 04-26-2012

July 12, 1948

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, Los Angeles

Re: CARROLL L. CARTWRIGHT
Special Agent

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to the recent difficulty involving Special Agent Cartwright in which it is noted that this Agent was aware of, and in fact condoned the action of a Post Office employee who was opening mail for the purpose of furnishing information to the Agent.

I consider the action of this Agent in this matter absolutely reprehensible and I am astounded at your naiveness in accepting the explanation furnished by him. This difficulty may well imperil our entire arrangement with the Post Office for mail covers.

Disciplinary action against Agent Cartwright is being set forth in a separate communication to him. However, it is my desire that the opinion of the Bureau with respect to this situation be brought directly to your attention for your future guidance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

15 AUG 30 1948

W. R. CLAVIN

July 2, 1948

H. A. EDWARDS

EDWARD G. ANDERSON, JR.
SPECIAL AGENT

R. B. HOOD

You will recall that as reflected in my memorandum of June 11, 1948, the Salt Lake City Division advised the Bureau that George Nept Anderson, brother of the captioned Agent, and Imogene Anderson, wife of George Anderson, have been members of the Communist Party since approximately December, 1940, and that in 1943 George Anderson was Secretary of the Brigham City, Utah, Branch of the Communist Party. Imogene Anderson was Chairman of the membership committee of that party branch. Investigation disclosed that as recently as February, 1946, Imogene Anderson was participating in Communist activities.

SAC Hood was requested to thoroughly interview Agent Anderson as to whether he had any knowledge concerning the Communist membership and activities of his brother and sister-in-law. The SAC was instructed to furnish the Bureau the results of his interview together with his comments, including a recommendation as to whether Agent Anderson, who has recently been assigned to Russian espionage investigations in Los Angeles should be restricted to duties other than Internal Security work.

INTERVIEW OF AGENT ANDERSON

SAC Hood has now advised the Bureau that Agent Anderson, when interviewed concerning his brother, stated that he has absolutely no knowledge of the latter's Communist activities. According to Agent Anderson, since he entered the Bureau on October 7, 1940, he has visited his home at Brigham City, Utah, on very few occasions and even during these visits spent little time in the company of his brother George or the latter's family. Agent Anderson went on to say that George does not get along well with the rest of the family and that this feeling has affected his father's health.

According to the Agent, George Anderson married Imogene Talbot about 1934. George was employed by the State Relief authorities and through this connection attended the University of Washington. At that time he exhibited an attitude toward persons on relief which indicated the belief that it was his duty to champion their cause.

Agent Anderson received a letter from Imogene Anderson dated April 28, 1945, at San Diego, California, where she and her children were living while George was in the Navy. In this letter she indicated concern that George was not being allowed to do rehabilitation work for the discharged veterans, expressing dissatisfaction that political discrimination robs the country of the use of some of its best "anti-Fascists."

In 1945 or 1946 Agent Anderson learned from his sister in Utah that the Bureau had been investigating his brother George, who was then in the Navy. The Agent inquired as to the reason for the investigation and was told that it was due to George's alleged radicalism. According to SAC Hood, Agent Anderson mentioned this matter to ASAC Ellsworth following his return from his visit home.

COMMENTS OF SAC HOOD

Mr. Hood expressed his opinion that Agent Anderson is entirely loyal and dependable and does not share in any way his brother's beliefs. The SAC is confident that the Agent does not actually know that his brother is a Communist Party member and that there is no likelihood of George Anderson having any influence on Agent Anderson.

Mr. Hood does not believe that this employee should be restricted in any way as to the type of investigations assigned to him.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

From the available facts, together with the information contained in Agent Anderson's personnel file, there is no indication that he is not entirely loyal and dependable. The investigation of this employee in connection with his application for appointment to the Bureau disclosed no information indicating Communist activities or sympathies. It reflected that he was an active member of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, was a First Lieutenant in the Army Reserve Corps, and his father had held several official positions at Brigham City, including that of mayor.

In view of SAC Hood's recommendation and the absence of any indication of disloyalty on the part of this agent, as well as the absence of any close association between him and his brother, it is not felt that his assignments should be restricted to exclude Internal Security work.

However SAC Hood has indicated that Agent Anderson has not been informed definitely of his brother's Communist membership and activity. It is believed that this information should be furnished him for his own good as well as to avoid possible embarrassment to the Bureau and it is recommended that SAC Hood be instructed to furnish this information to the Agent and at the same time caution him regarding his future association with his brother. SAC Hood should also be instructed to submit an explanation as to why the information furnished ASAC Ellsworth by Agent Anderson that the Agent's brother was under Bureau investigation for "radicalism," was not previously furnished the Bureau. A letter to this effect is attached for use in the event this recommendation should be approved.

A PERMANENT BRIEF OF AGENT ANDERSON IS ATTACHED

Attachments

CC - Mr. Clegg

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Fletcher

Los Angeles Personnel Office File ✓

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 30, 1948

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: SUPERVISORY ASSIGNMENTS
Los Angeles Division
July 1, 1948

R. B. Hood

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the current
supervisory assignments of the Los Angeles Division.

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SUPERVISORY ASSIGNMENTS

Los Angeles Division

July 1, 1948

SAC, R. B. HOOD:

- 66 - Administrative Matters
- 67 - Personnel (Other than applicants)
- 80 - Public Relations and Contacts
 - Office Inspections
 - Police Schools
 - FBI National Academy Contacts
 - Supervisor of Liaison
 - File Room and P.B.X.
 - Confidential Fund

ASAC J. C. ELLSWORTH:

- Acting SAC as required
- Automobiles
- Personnel Training Schools
- Personnel Conferences
- Photographic Laboratory
- Stenographic Pool
- Technical Surveillances and Informants
- General Supervision over all Communist and Russian matters
- Special Cases:
 - 1. CP Infiltration into Picture Industry (Bright)
 - 2. CP Infiltration into Radio Industry (Bright)
 - 3. Hecase (Van Loon)
 - 4. Special "R" espionage cases

SUPERVISOR J. W. BROWN

- 7 - Kidnapping
- 15 - Thefts from Interstate Shipment
- 25 - Selective Service
- 62 - Special Inquiry-State Department (Greece-Turkey Aid Bill)
- 67 - Personnel Matters
- 76 - Escaped Federal Prisoners, Parole, Probation and Conditional Release Violators and Federal Escape Act
- 77 - Personnel or Administrative Matter, except Bureau Departmental Applicants
- 79 - Missing Persons
- 87 - National Stolen Property Act
- 91 - Bank Robbery

SUPERVISORY ASSIGNMENTS

SUPERVISOR J. W. BROWN (CONTINUED)

- 98 - Federal Train Wreck Statute
- 116 - Atomic Energy Act of 1946 - Special Inquiry
- 118 - Applicant - Central Intelligence Group
- 123 - Special Inquiry-State Department
(Voice of America)
- 124 - European Recovery Program

SUPERVISOR E. P. HAIR:

- 5 - Income Tax
- 10 - Red Cross
- 11 - Tax (other than income)
- 12 - Narcotics
- 16 - Violation Federal Injunctions
- 17 - Veterans' Administration Matters
- 21 - Food and Drugs
- 23 - Prohibition
- 27 - Patents
- 28 - Copyrights
- 29 - National Bank and Federal Reserve Acts
- 35 - Civil Service
- 36 - Mail Frauds
- 46 - Fraud Against the Government
- 48 - Postal Violations, except Mail Frauds
- 49 - Bankruptcy
- 55 - Counterfeiting
- 60 - Antitrust Laws
- 62 - Miscellaneous
- 73 - Application for Pardon to Restore Civil Rights
- 75 - Bondsman and Sureties
- 81 - Hoarding of Gold
- 82 - War Risk Insurance
- 83 - Court of Claims
- 84 - Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act
- 86 - Farm Credit Act
- 90 - Irregularities in Federal Penal Institutions
- 92 - Interference, by Violence, with Interstate Commerce
- 93 - Ascertaining Financial Ability
- 95 - Laboratory cases, other than Bureau
- 104 - Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942
- 115 - Bond Default
- 119 - Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act
- 120 - Federal Tort Claims Act
Vouchers

SUPERVISORY ASSIGNMENTS

SUPERVISOR A. K. LAW

- 1 - Training Schools
- 4 - Firearms Act, National and Federal
- 6 - Interstate Transportation of Strike Breakers
- 8 - Migratory Bird Act
- 9 - Extortion
- 26 - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
- 31 - White Slave Traffic Act
- 32 - Identification (Fingerprint Matters)
- 33 - Uniform Crime Reporting
- 39 - Falsely Claiming Citizenship
- 42 - Deserters
- 43 - Illegal Wearing of Uniform
- 44 - Civil Rights and Domestic Violence
- 45 - Crimes on High Seas
- 47 - Impersonation
- 50 - Involuntary Servitude and Slavery
- 51 - Jury Investigations
- 52 - Theft, Embezzlement, or Illegal Possession of Government Property
- 54 - Customs Laws and Smuggling
- 56 - Election Laws
- 58 - Bribery
- 68 - Alaskan Matters
- 69 - Contempt of Court
- 70 - Crimes on Indian and other Government Reservations
- 71 - Interstate Commerce, except Thefts from
- 72 - Intimidation of Witnesses
- 74 - Perjury
- 78 - Illegal Use of Government Transportation Requests
- 88 - Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution
- 89 - Assaulting or Killing Federal Officer
- 94 - Research Matters
- 103 - National Cattle Theft Act
Crime Survey

SUPERVISOR J. J. O'CONNELL

- 65 - Espionage - R
- 100 - Internal Security - R
- 109 - Foreign Political Matters - R
- 110 - Foreign Economic Matters - R
- 111 - Foreign Social Conditions - R
- 112 - Foreign Fund - R
- 113 - Foreign Political and Naval Matters - R
- 117 - Atomic Energy Act of 1946

SUPERVISORY ASSIGNMENTS

SUPERVISOR G. D. THOMSON

- 2 - Neutrality Act
- 14 - Sedition
- 19 - Censorship Act
- 39 - Immigration Matters
- 40 - Passports and Visas
- 41 - Federal Explosives Act
- 57 - War Labor Disputes Act
- 61 - Treason
- 64 - Foreign (Miscellaneous)
- 65 - Espionage
- 97 - Registration Act
- 98 - Sabotage
- 100 - Internal Security - C
- 101 - Hatch Act
- 102 - Voorhis Act
- 105 - Security Matter (except "R")
- 106 - Alien Enemy Control
- 107 - Denaturalization Proceedings
- 109 - Foreign Political Matters
- 110 - Foreign Economic Matters
- 111 - Foreign Social Conditions
- 113 - Foreign Political and Naval Matters
- 114 - Alien Property Custodian Matters
- 121 - Loyalty of Government Employees
- 122 - Labor Management Regulations Act, 1947

CC: Mr. J. E. Edwards

August 12, 1948

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that the report of Special Agent Leslie R. Hall dated May 12, 1948, in the matter of Charles Reynolds Burr, erroneously reported information regarding the Communist Party membership of a woman who is in no way associated with the Communist Party.

I wish to advise you that I am very much disturbed about this matter, not only because of the very cursory manner in which the file review was conducted in your office, but also because of the resultant reflection cast upon the integrity of reports emanating from the Bureau. I have repeatedly called attention to the necessity for absolute accuracy and thoroughness in the investigation and reporting of these loyalty cases. As you must be aware, the error committed by your office has put the Bureau into a most embarrassing position.

I desire that you discuss the matter personally with Special Agent Chester C. Orton who was responsible for this error as well as with all other Agent personnel in your office. I want it thoroughly understood that the repetition of such an error will result in severe administrative action.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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67-358-317

December 7, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw SAC Richard B. Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division. Mr. Hood is one of the older SAC's in the service and makes an excellent impression and I would rate him excellent as an SAC.

X ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

During the course of my discussion with Mr. Hood he suggested to me the desirability of reinstituting the Daily Report Form. He stated that it was most difficult and almost impossible to keep a proper check on the Special Agents without such a form. I wish that you would have this matter given further study in order that appropriate consideration may be given it and proper recommendation made to me concerning it.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: November 24, 1948 *17*

SUBJECT: No. 2 Register
 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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It is recommended that the No. 2 Register, as it exists in the field at the present time, be abolished. The record is practically useless, serving no practical purpose and in spite of training at the Bureau and instruction in the field, many of the Agents using this form do not execute it properly, and since it serves no valuable purpose, it is not believed justifiable to spend additional time instructing the personnel in its use.

Apparently its intended use is to provide a record so that the Bureau can be advised of the arrival of an agent in a particular field office. When this form was first used, there were no No. 3 cards used in the field. Today, the necessary information concerning an Agent's local address is maintained on this record. An Agent is required to sign the No. 1 Register on coming to the office, and when a new Agent is interviewed by the Agent in Charge upon his arrival at the office, the exact time of his arrival in the city can be obtained at that time so that it can be incorporated into the form letter to the Bureau advising of the employee's arrival.

In event the Bureau feels that the form does serve some useful purpose, it is recommended that the present form be considerably revised and that the arrival and departure form presently used at the Bureau be made available to the entire field. If this is not deemed desirable for some reason, it is recommended that two new forms be drawn up, one to be used on arrival and one on departure. The first mentioned need include only the employee's name, the date and time of arrival and the nature of assignment. The form for departure need include only the employee's name, the date and time of departure, the method of travel, the destination and the reason for travel.

It is felt that the use of any form is not actually necessary and that if the Bureau can possibly do so, that the entire No. 2 Register be dispensed with.

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FIELD OFFICE REGISTER

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November 26, 1948

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau has reviewed the report covering the inspection of your office conducted during the month of October by Inspector Gurnea. There is attached hereto a copy of a summary of the findings during this inspection. The Bureau desires that you have appropriate attention given to each of the delinquencies noted in the inclosed summary, as well as those referred to in greater detail in the memoranda left with you by the Inspector, and just as soon as all of the delinquencies mentioned have been corrected, you should advise the Bureau of this fact.

Your attention is invited particularly to the delinquencies in the Theft of Government Property and National Stolen Property Act cases, where the percentage of delinquencies is extremely high. This same comment is pertinent with respect to the cases involving Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution or Testifying. Although the delinquency in Extortion cases is smaller, as far as percentages are concerned, any delinquency in this type of case may well be looked upon as of serious consequence. In connection with your plans for investigative work, you should bear in mind the observations as to the prospective, substantial increase in accounting work and in bankruptcy investigations and make your plans accordingly, so that this work can be handled as expeditiously as possible. Of course, the Communist work pending in your office is vitally important and should be handled as rapidly as personnel can be made available.

You should make certain that in the future agents assigned to complaint duty or placed on similar assignments are not assigned clerical functions to perform, particularly when there are file reviews to be made and summary reports to be written. The findings further indicate the need for greater care in indexing and for making certain that all the personnel of the Chief Clerk's Office are adequately trained so that in the event the turnover continues to be heavy in this office, adequately-trained personnel will be constantly available to take over any of the duties incident to such office.

The Bureau is pleased to note the reduction in communication costs, the splendid performance on your part personally in developing contacts, and the many instances of informant coverage. You are also to be commended for your diligence in developing improved surveillance techniques and because of the attendance of so many representatives from your division at the FBI National Academy.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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December 15, 1948

SAC, Los Angeles

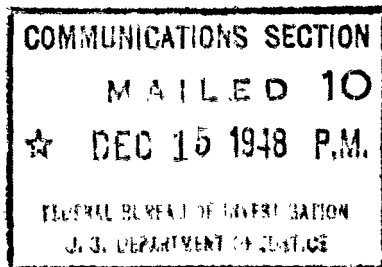
RE: RICHARD B. HOOD
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
General In-Service Course ~~11/29/48~~ to ~~12/10/48~~

Dear Sir:

The above named Special Agent attended the above General In-Service training course at the Seat of Government and attained the following grades:

Notebook	—
Examination	—
Hip Shooting (Double Action)	74
Practical Pistol Course	90
Shotgun(Skeet)	16/25
.30 Rifle	91
Machine Gun	90
2 days Specialized Training in:	Photography

The firearms grades with the exception of the Shotgun Skeet Course should be entered on the individual field firearms training record card.



Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc: SAC Richard B. Hood ~~Los Angeles~~

ADDENDUM: Special Agent in Charge Hood was absent from the above in-service class on November 29, 1948, inasmuch as his train arrived late in Washington, D. C.

HLS:dcs



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Los Angeles, California

November 2, 1948

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to November 30, 1948, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name HILDA F. HOOD Address 731 South Baldwin Avenue, Temple City,
California.
Relationship Wife Dated November 2, 1948

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name same as above
Relationship _____
Dated Nov 23 1948
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Very truly yours,

Richard B. Hand
Special Agent

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HOOD, R. B.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

E.O.D.: 9-24-34

SALARY: CAF-14, \$10,305

OFFICES OF PREFERENCE: (1) Los Angeles

AGENTS' EXAMINATION: 92.5%

Inspector Gurnea:

SAC Hood presents an excellent appearance and has a very good personality. He is clean-cut and makes a very favorable first impression. Hood is somewhat of a disciplinarian and keeps himself well informed on the activities of the personnel in the office. His ability to make contacts and win the confidence of officials in all walks of life is above average. Hood is thoroughly loyal and dependable. He uses initiative and imagination. I believe SAC Hood is one of the most capable SAC's in the Bureau's service.

Inspection Report
Los Angeles Office
Inspector M. E. Gurnea
10-28-48
Interviewed by Inspector Gurnea

14 JAN 24 1949

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: Sept. 3, 1948

SUBJECT: DESTRUCTION OF FOLDERS ON CLOSED FILES
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

Current Bureau instructions are that no jackets are to be used in the closed section of the files. Admittedly, while this is not always as satisfactory as using jackets, it is a space saver and this is a decisive factor in following this procedure; however, I wish to point out problems that arise in connection with handling closed "100" classifications in this office.

There is a great deal of traffic in the closed "100" files and they are being pulled continuously, both for mail and all types of file reviews, and this is especially true with the concentration of Communist investigations at the present time. It is believed that greater efficiency could be attained by using jackets in this classification of cases. It has been the experience of this office that the 100 fasteners clip together and this causes errors in misfiling, and the files do not stand much wear and tear without jackets, and considerable clerical time is spent in keeping the files in a neat and clean condition, the serials and "1-A" envelopes repaired.

The initialed mail and charge-outs for files that are out are clipped to the red cards and our experience has been that this is most unsatisfactory as the clips do not hold and mail becomes torn and the drawers present a generally messy and unsatisfactory appearance.

The attached photographs of file drawers are representative of the ones in which folders are not used and it is believed that it is obvious that this condition permits numerous errors to creep into the file room work and the small amount of space that could be saved in this one classification does not justify handling in this fashion.

It is recommended that the Bureau consider approving the use of folders in the closed section of the "100" classification that pertain to Communist files, at least while this work is so active and important. In this office, this would constitute about one-half of the files in this category.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: BULKY EXHIBITS

In an office the size of the Los Angeles Division there are constant demands for certain exhibits in Security cases and, under the present regulation for charging out serials, it is necessary that the individual file be obtained every time an exhibit is charged out so that the appropriate charge-out slip may be placed in the file. There is also a great demand on the part of Agents for many of the Security files. When the files are out, it results in a delay of the Agents receiving the exhibits they need. It is not believed that such a condition was anticipated when the present procedure for charging out serials was placed into effect and, in order to meet the needs of the Agents, it is recommended that where, as in this office, one clerk handles all of the exhibits, there be maintained on a 3 x 5 index card the charge-out record for exhibits. These would be kept in numerical sequence by file number.

There is no problem in connection with exhibits in general criminal cases, but in the handling of these Security exhibits, such things as Communist Party membership lists, People's World lists, photographs of documents and so forth, there is need for a change in the method of handling the exhibits and for this reason the suggestion is offered to the Bureau as it is believed that a streamline procedure can be adopted to meet an urgent need.

REH:CFJ

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ICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

DATE: August 12, 1948

FROM : Mr. R. W. Hall

SUBJECT: CHARLES REYNOLDS BURR
Assistant Regional Administrator
Securities and Exchange Commission
Los Angeles, California
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

R. B. Hood

A loyalty investigation was opened on the above employee based upon information that his name appeared on a list of patrons who attended a program entitled "Salute to Our Russian Allies", on the 25th anniversary of the Soviet Republic.

In the report subsequently submitted by Special Agent Leslie R. Hall of the Los Angeles Office, it was reported as result of a neighborhood investigation, that the employee and his wife occasionally visited a neighbor by the name of [redacted]. Thereafter, it was stated that a reliable informant [redacted]

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Reports of this investigation were submitted to the Loyalty Board of the Securities and Exchange Commission and as a result of reviewing this particular report the board asked for additional information regarding the extent of the association between the Burr family and [redacted]. In Submitting the report of additional investigation, the Los Angeles Office called attention to the fact that in reviewing the report of [redacted] Special Agent Chester C. Orton failed to note that the correct spelling of the Communist Party member as furnished by [redacted] was [redacted] and not [redacted]

SAC Hood forwarded a cover letter with this report of additional investigation, pointing out that Special Agent Orton conducted the records search and submitted the information to Agent Hall for inclusion in Hall's original report. SAC Hood advised that this error had been specifically called to the attention of Agent Orton and that he had discussed with Agent Orton the necessity for absolute accuracy in these reports, Mr. Hood expressed his opinion that he was certain there will not be a repetition of such an error on the part of Agent Orton, and furthermore mentioned that this matter was to be called to the attention of all agents in the Los Angeles Office at the quarterly conference held on August 6, 1948.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is obvious that errors of this nature can result in extreme embarrassment to the Bureau. It, therefore, is recommended that severe letters of censure be directed to SAC Hood and SA Chester C. Orton. There are attached hereto suggested letters of censure.

Attachments

This is outrageous. It is just such instances as this which subject us to criticism by outside elements. /s/ H.

SDE:mh

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MR. RICHARD B. HOOD WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Date December 21, 1948

Nature of Action

Mr. Richard B. Hood
PERIODIC PAY INCREASE

Personal Action Number
F. B. I. - 27517 27517

Legal Authority

Effective

December 26, 1948

Position

FROM

TO

Special Agent in Charge

Grade

GAF 15
\$10,305

SAME
\$10,330

Salary

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and

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Headquarters

Appropriations

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Departmental or Field

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NATURE OF POSITION

a. VICE

b. ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL

c. NEW

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REMARKS

From, under the Auto. Prom. Bill, Public Law #200 as amended 6/30/45. Result, from GAF 14 \$9376.50 to GAF 15 \$9575 eff. 6-15-47. BSI to \$10,305 eff. 7-11-48. Last last efficiency rating - EXCELLENT.

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December 21, 1948

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dick:

I am indeed pleased to advise you that under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act your salary is being increased from \$10,305 per annum to \$10,330 per annum in Grade CAF 15, effective December 26, 1948, this being as you know the maximum salary permissible in the grade.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

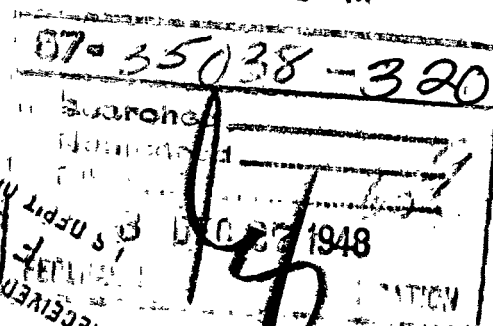
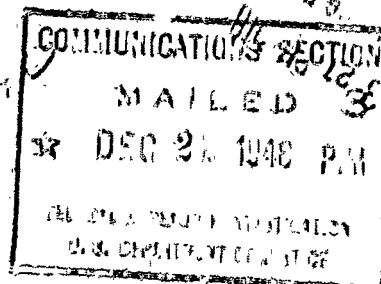
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Dec. 22, 1948

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

R. B. Hood

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

This is to advise that unless informed to the contrary by the Bureau, I will accept the Presidency of the Los Angeles County Peace Officers Association for next year. I have been an officer of the organization for several years and have been requested to accept the Presidency at this time.

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AIR MAIL

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M. A. TOLSON

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Mr. Nichols ✓
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**RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

NAME HOOD, Richard B. AGE 40 YEARS, 2 MONTHS
 NATIVITY (state of birth) Penna. MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED Married NUMBER OF CHILDREN 0
 FAMILY HISTORY Father deceased at age of 64 - Selerosis of liver. Mother living and well.

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Usual childhood diseases. Tonsillectomy 1928.

HEAD AND FACE Normal

EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) Round and equal. React to L&A.

DISTANT VISION RT. 20/ 10, corrected to 20/ 20

LT. 20/ 20, corrected to 20/ 20

COLOR PERCEPTION Normal AO 1940.

(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)

DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS None

EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15/15'

LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15/15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS None

NOSE Normal

(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)

SINUSES Clear

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS Tonsils SA. Normal

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect):

MISSING TEETH 1, 23, 24, 25.

NONVITAL TEETH None

PERIAPICAL DISEASE None

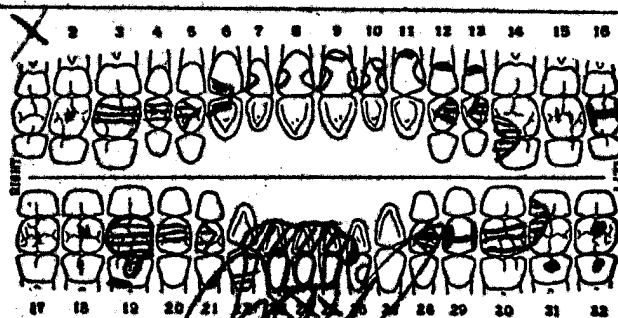
MARKED MALOCCLUSION None

PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS None

TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES 23, 24, 25.

DENTURES None

REMARKS None



J.B. CASEY, CDR., U.S.N.
 (Signature of Dental Officer)

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE Medium erect.

TEMPERATURE Normal

CHEST AT EXPIRATION 37

HEIGHT 69 1/2

CHEST AT INSPIRATION 42

WEIGHT 178

CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 35

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE None

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS Normal

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) Normal

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) Normal

THORAX (size, shape, movement, cage, mediastinum) Normal

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. Normal

Chest X-ray Neg. #7681

CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM Normal

HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) sinus arrhythmia

Normal

PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE 78 BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC 134

AFTER EXERCISE 104 DIASTOLIC 78

THREE MINUTES AFTER 80

CONDITION OF ARTERIES Normal CHARACTER OF PULSE Full and

CONDITION OF VEINS Normal HEMORRHOIDS None Regular

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) Normal

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM Normal

URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.008 ALB. Negative SUGAR Negative MICROSCOPICAL None

VENEREAL DISEASE Denies; none apparent.

NERVOUS SYSTEM Normal

(organic or functional disorders)

ROMBERG Negative INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) None

REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL Normal DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) Normal TREMORS None

SEROLOGICAL TESTS Blood Kahn Neg. 11-9-48 BLOOD TYPE O

ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries) None

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION NR

TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES

DATE OF LAST COURSE

REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE None

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS sinus arrhythmia

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING arduous PHYSICAL EXERTION

IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS Yes (yes or no)

(when no is given state cause)

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary) Examined and found to be physically qualified.

SEE REPORT LTJG, MC, USN

D.W. POLHMUS, LTJG, MCR, USNR

D.A. KULJIS, LT, MC, USN

DATE OF EXAMINATION 11-9-48

Examination of the chest shows a small fibrocalcific deposit overlying the right clavicular area; other wise negative.

Roentgenological examination of the large bowel with the use of a contrast bariumclyema fails to show evidence of any intrinsic or extrinsic pathology nor evidence of any abnormality in the position of any of its parts. The appendix is visualized due to the minimal amount of barium contained therein, and it is in normal anatomical position and elongated.

CHARLES GARTENLAUB
COMDR. MC, USN.

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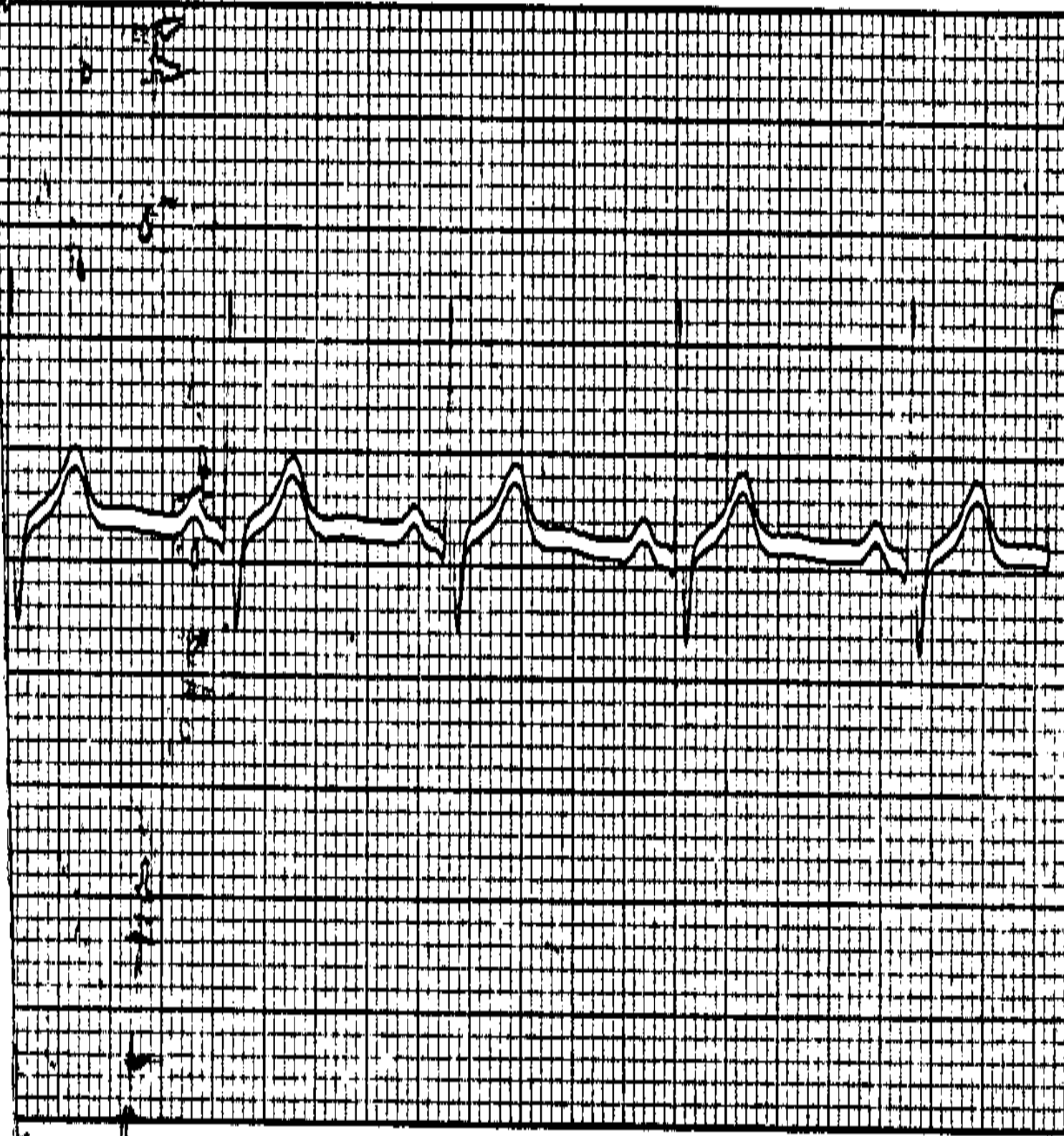
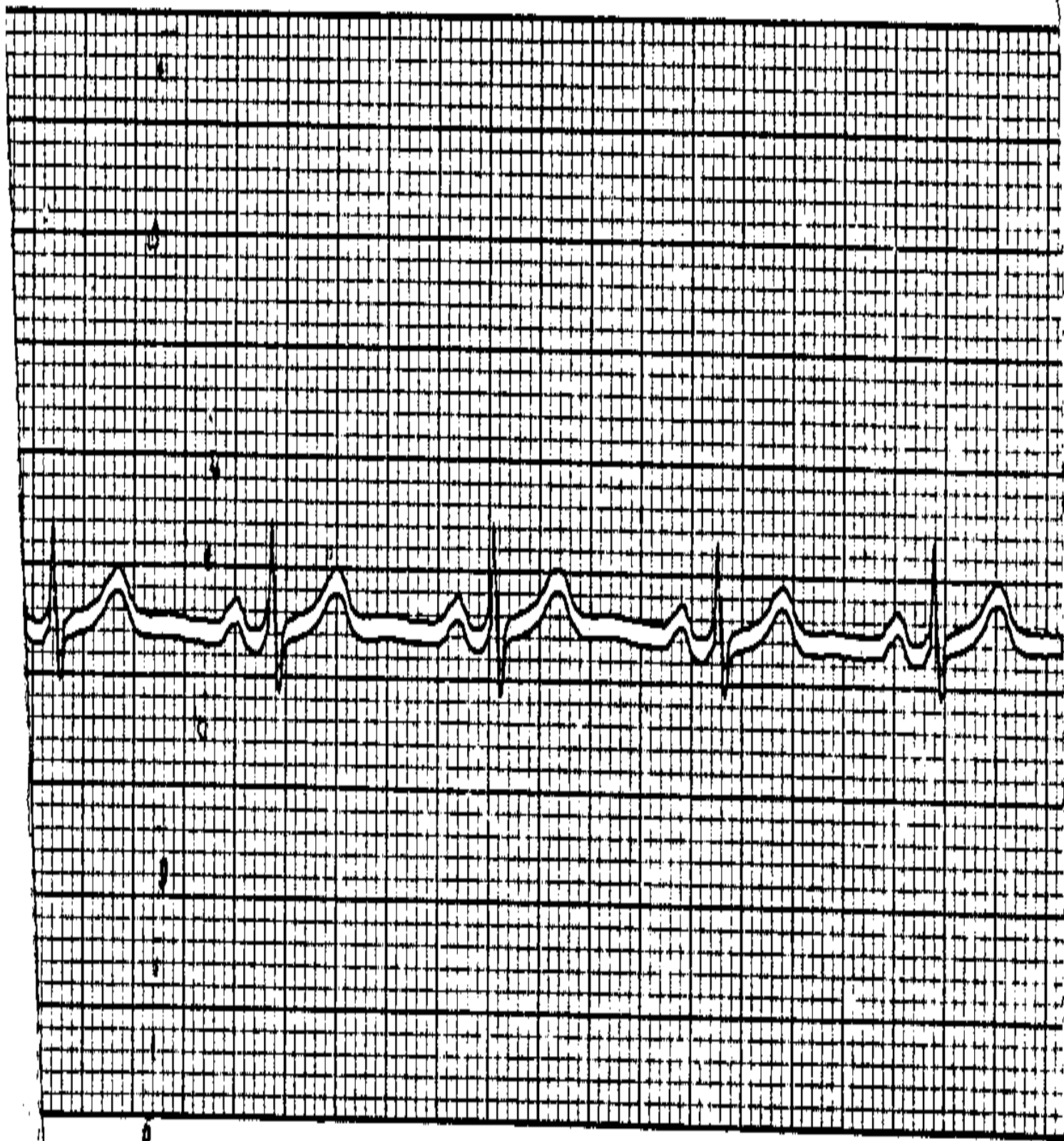
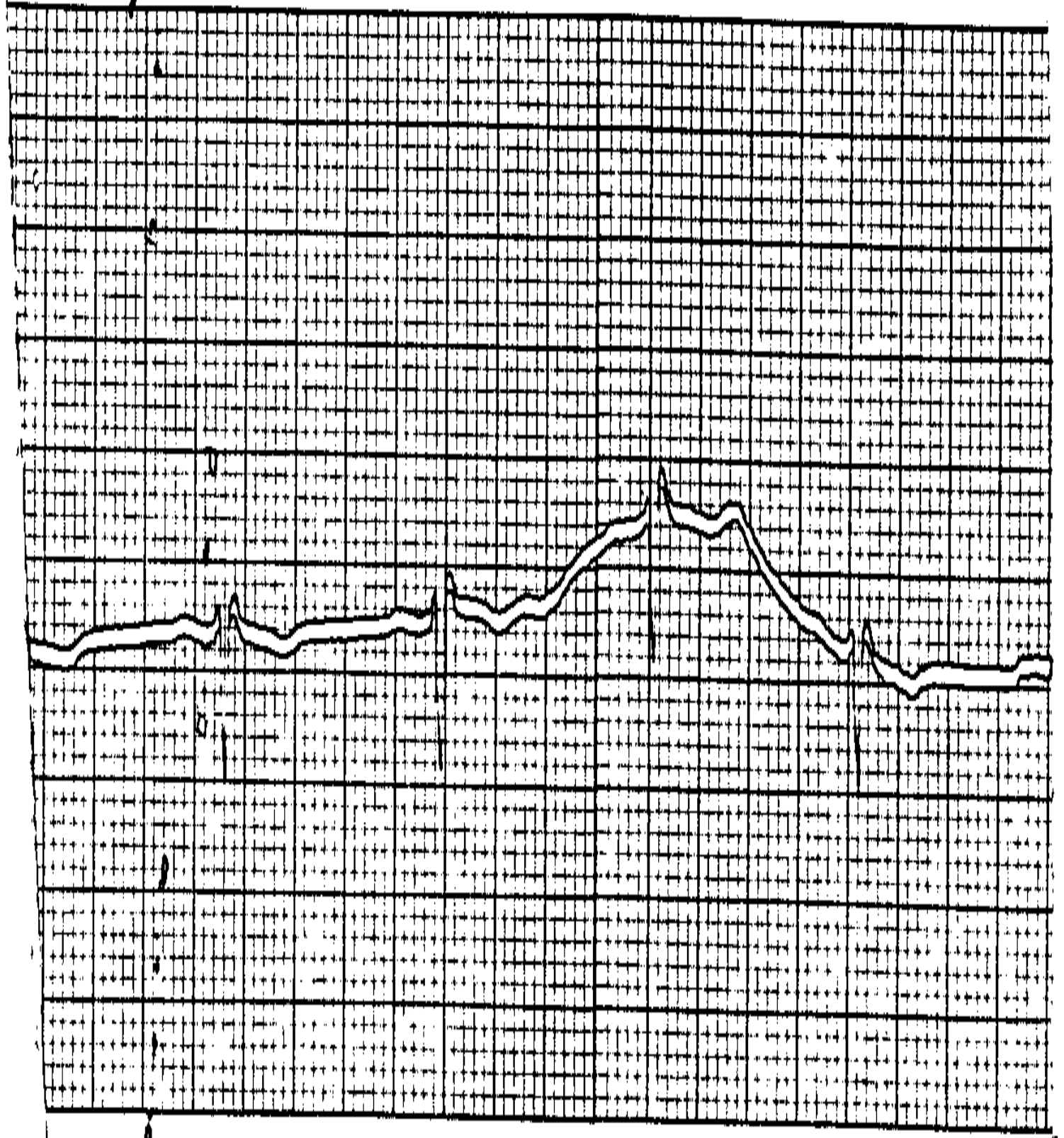


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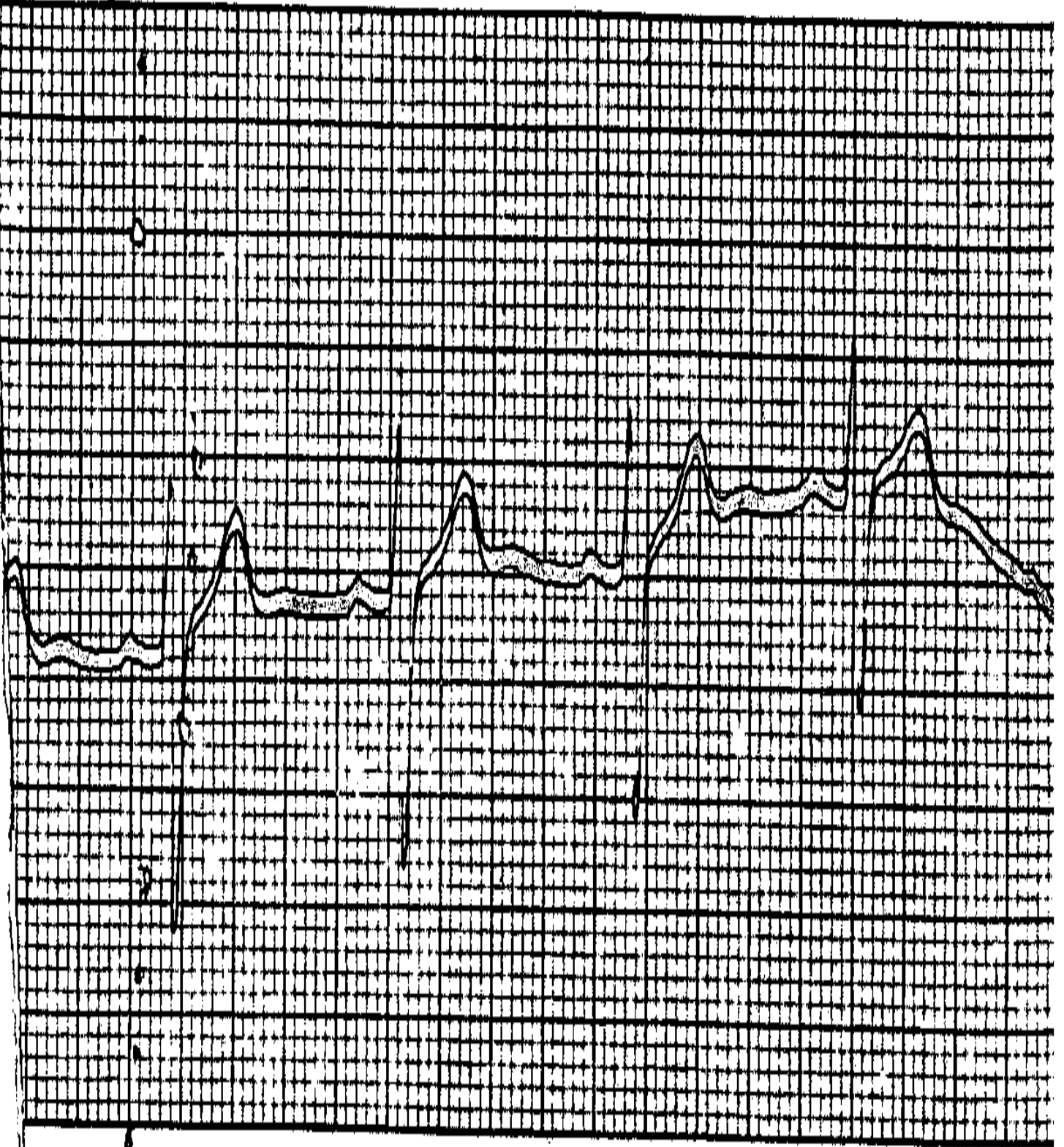


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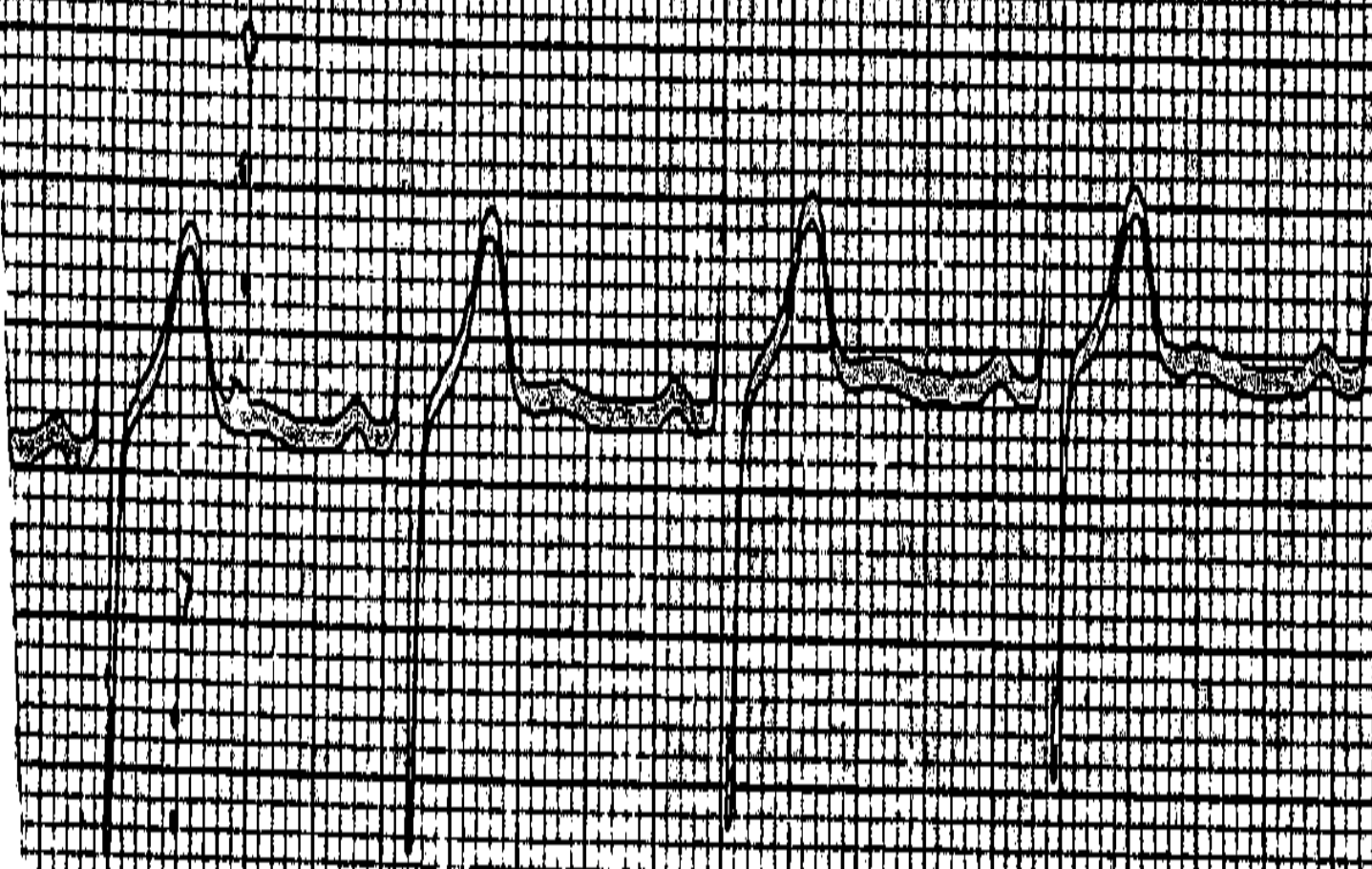
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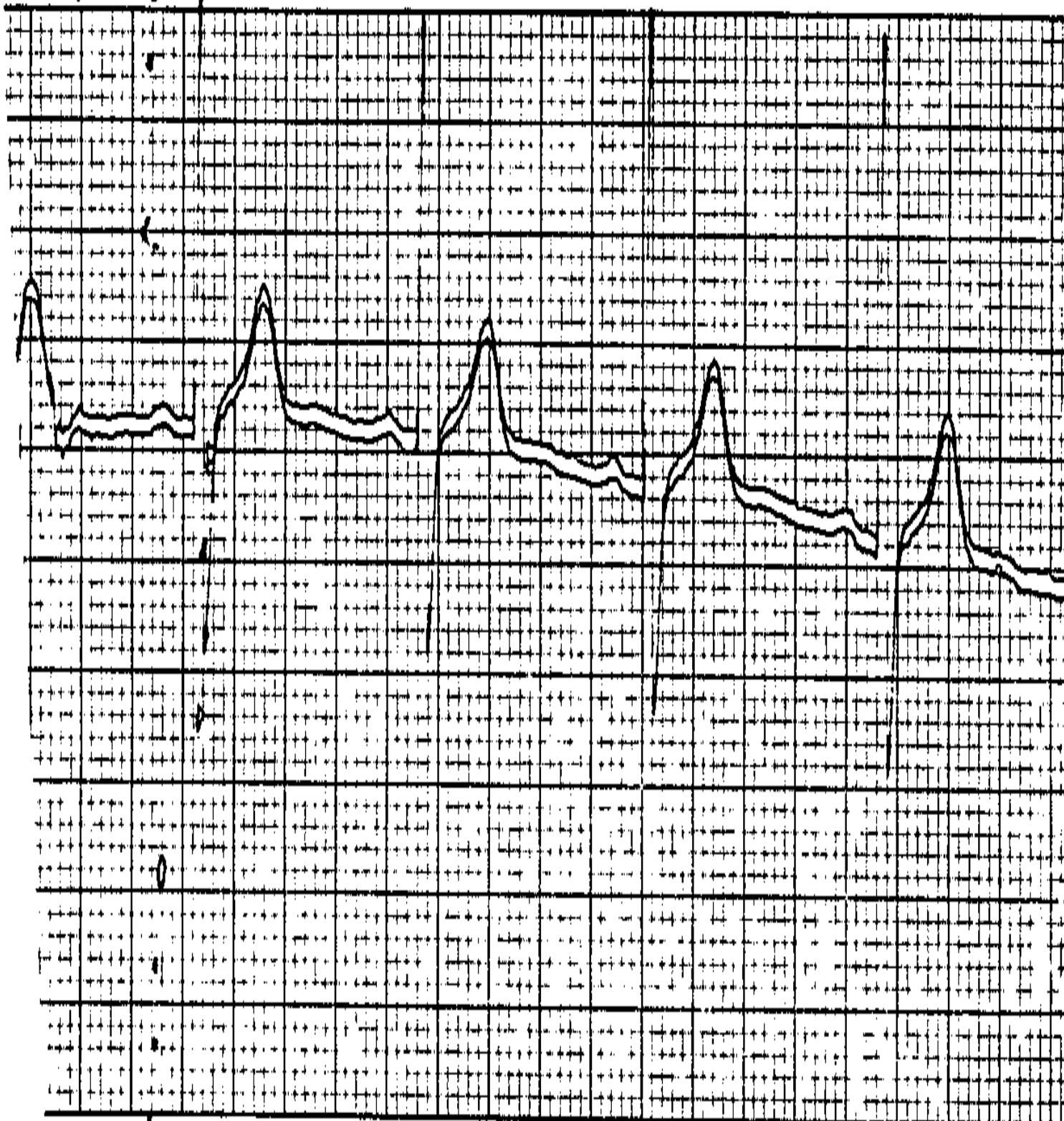


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SANBORN VISO-CARDIETTE *Permapaper*

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
File # AK 7 Date 11-9-48
Ward M-3 Exam Rm. ELECTROCARDIOGRAM REPORT
Name HOOD, Richard Rank or Rate FET Ago Referred by Dr. 2-5
Diagnosis Physical Digitalis No Previous E. C. G. No

Sinus Rhythm: Regular. PR-Interval: .16 Seconds
Auricular Rate: 70 QRS-Duration: .08 Seconds
Ventricular Rate: 70 Axis Deviation: Left (minus 12°)

Summary of Leads:

I: Normal.
II: Normal.
III: R-Small, S-Deep, T-Inverted.
V-2: Normal.
V-4: Normal.
V-5: Normal.

CONCLUSION: LEFT AXIS DEVIATION.

D. B. Carmichael

D. B. CARMICHAEL, LTJG MC USN
L. E. BACH, CAPT MC USN

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
January 4, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL

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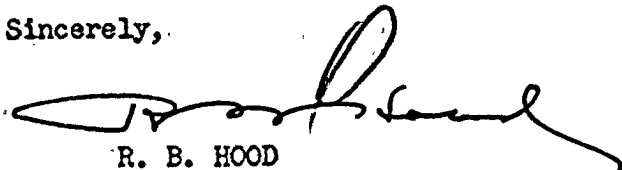
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you indeed for your letter
of December 21, 1948, advising of my raise in
salary under the Uniform Promotion Act.

I hope that my work will continue
to merit your confidence. Also that the New Year
will bring much success to you and the Bureau.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,



R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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December 20, 1948

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

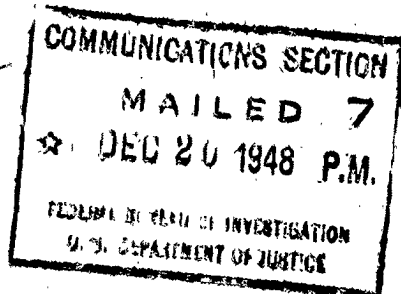
I desire to thank you for your suggestion concerning the placing of classification "100" closed files in file folders in order to prevent these files from becoming worn, battered and torn. This suggestion was submitted to a number of Field Offices and Bureau Inspectors and the majority were opposed to the suggestion, it being pointed out that in one office where there are 90,000 pending files of this type the amount of work would be a major project. I do, however, desire to express to you my deep appreciation for your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 26, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On January 24th I saw SAC Richard D. Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division. Mr. Hood, of course, is one of the older SAC's and makes an excellent personal appearance. I discussed with Mr. Hood the problem of carefully supervising investigations as well as the proper conduct of employees in such a large metropolitan district such as Los Angeles. I also pointed out to Mr. Hood the reason I was imposing transfers in cases of Agents who were guilty of serious derelictions, whether official or personal. I told him that I felt I was being unfair to Agents in the service stationed at other offices who had expressed Los Angeles as their office of preference and could not be assigned to Los Angeles because of no vacancies when we kept at Los Angeles Agents who have been guilty of derelictions and who wanted to be retained at Los Angeles. I stated that while we were desirous of assigning men to their offices of preference it was not a right but a privilege, and that I felt the least a man could do when assigned to his office of preference was to properly conduct himself, officially and personally, and in the future I intend to effect transfers in cases where serious derelictions are committed in order to be entirely fair to Agents awaiting transfer to Los Angeles but whose requests had not been favorably acted upon.

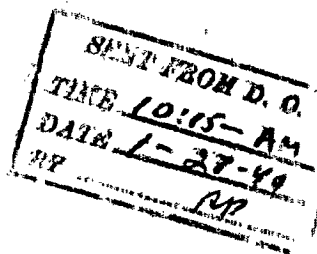
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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 17, 1949

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Mr. Richard P. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Long Beach, California, on November 9, 1948.

This report reflects that you have an irregular heart beat. The electrocardiogram afforded you in this connection revealed a left axis deviation, which is not considered disabling or disqualifying.

The x-ray of your chest revealed the following:
"Small fibro-calcific deposit overlying the right clavicular area; otherwise negative."

It is also being noted that the roentgenological examination failed to show any evidence of pathology or abnormality of the large bowel.

The Board of Examining Physicians of the United States Naval Hospital reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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HLE:tck

February 25, 1949

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AIR MAIL

Mr. E. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Under dates of February 9, 10 and 16, 1949,
I had letters directed to you calling your attention
to a number of teletype delinquencies, requesting your
explanation and recommendation for the administrative
action to be taken.

To date, I have not received this information
and am astounded at the delay and apparent lack of at-
tention to my instructions.

I desire that this matter be given your
immediate attention and that the information requested
be furnished by return letter.

Truly yours,

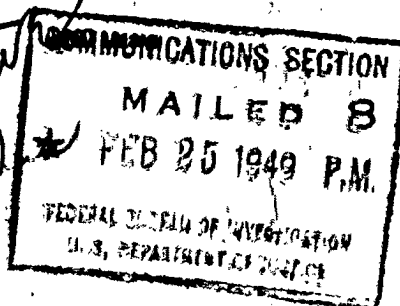
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Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION MR. TOLSON

Dear Sir:

On February 16th, Senator McCARTHY of Wisconsin was in the city and he communicated with the office by telephone; however, I was out and was not able to call him back until that evening, and he was not in his room at the hotel.

On the 17th of February, I left messages for him and tried numerous times during the day to contact him but he was out of his room. He left his hotel in the late evening of February 16th but did not call back before leaving.

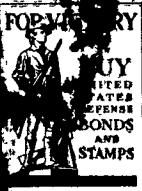
Very truly yours,

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AIR MAIL

R. B. HOOD, SAC.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: CHARGE OUT SLIPS

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 1949 *PX**Sugg. #138**R. B. Hood*

It is suggested that the slip for charging out serials from files be distinct from the charge-out slip used to charge out complete files. Each slip should be of a color other than white (blue or red, for example), and should have at its top a tab which would extend beyond the top of the file. If considered advisable it could even be made wider than the file so that it would protrude beyond the file to call even greater attention to the fact that there is a serial charged out from the file. In the event that the tab would entail too much waste of paper in cutting, it would be omitted. The serial charge-out alone should have punches for insertion into a file. The purpose of making it of colored paper is to readily distinguish it from the other type of charge-out slip.

This new type of charge-out slip would have the following advantages:

- (1) It would eliminate the necessity for inserting red cards in files to indicate charged out serials, thus making more certain that there be some easily observed manifestation of a charged out serial (since the insertion of a red card is occasionally neglected, whereas a serial is very seldom, if ever, removed without inserting a charge-out slip in the file).
- (2) It would facilitate the pulling of charge-outs, since the different color and shape would immediately denote the purpose of the charge-out (whether for serials or for a complete file).
- (3) It would further minimize the difficulty encountered in checking for missing serials, since at present the red card is used for both missing serials and missing files; also, a charge-out could be seen without lifting cover of file.
- (4) It is felt that there would be no confusion in making a request for either a file or serials, since the purpose of the charge-out would be specified at the top, i.e., either SERIAL CHARGE OUT SLIP or FILE CHARGE OUT SLIP.

There are attached four exhibits of the suggested new type of charge-outs. Either A (with tab), B (with tab, and which extends to right side of file), or C (without tab, but which extends to the right side of file) is for the charging out of serials. Type D is to be used for complete files.

Approximately 15,000 charge-outs are used by this office each month.

ENCLOSURES

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March 3, 1949

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of February 18, 1949, in which you advised that Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin was in Los Angeles on February 16 and that he had communicated with your office by telephone but since you were out and were not able to call him back until that evening, you were unable to get in touch with him.

I want you to know that I am very much concerned about the manner in which this matter was handled, particularly since you were advised that Senator McCarthy was going to be in Los Angeles. It would seem that you should have made arrangements to be notified of the Senator's call and placed yourself in a position where you could have promptly returned it. It is not apparent from your letter that you had made arrangements to be promptly notified of Senator McCarthy's call and if you were, I am at a loss to understand why you were not able to promptly return the call. I would like to have you advise me in detail why this matter was not handled properly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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R.B. Hood

I don't like
the way Hood
handled this.
He should
have made
arrangement
to be reached
if he was out
of the office.

See Me ☐
Note and Return ☐
For Your Recommendation ☐
What are the facts? ☐
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Los Angeles, California
March 11, 1949

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to your letter of March 3, 1949 relative to the recent visit of Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin to Los Angeles. Complete details of how his call was handled on February 16th are as follows:

Word had been left with my office that a call was expected from Senator McCarthy at some time, possibly that day, and arrangements were made that if it were received during the Supervisors' Conference, I was to be immediately informed; however, no call was received at that time. On this date, the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Peace Officers Association held its meeting, following which there was a luncheon given by representatives of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Association at Santa Anita. I was in attendance at this luncheon and remained at the track with the other association officers until approximately 5:00 P.M. The office knew where I was all the time. I made a call to my secretary at 4:00 P.M. to see if there had been any calls and received several messages, among them one to the effect that Senator McCarthy had called a few minutes before and had requested that if I were back to the office that afternoon, to come by the hotel. I did not immediately return the call of the Senator from the track inasmuch as all telephone calls there are monitored and it was my intention to leave there within an hour, which I did, and at approximately 5:30 P.M., and before coming back to the office, I called the hotel, and the Senator was out. I called again several times after my return downtown to the office and as late as 9:00 P.M. The following morning at approximately 9:45, I called him and he was out, and during the day at least a half dozen calls were made by me personally to reach him and messages were left with the floor clerk that I had called the Senator. However, he departed from town without communicating with me.

On February 21st, I directed a letter to the Senator in Washington and on February 25th received a reply from him, copies of which are enclosed.



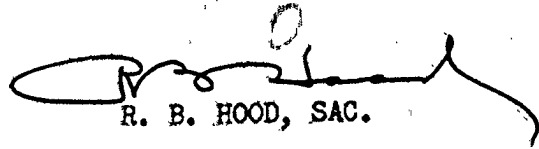
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It is regretted that it was necessary for you to communicate with me with reference to the manner in which this matter was handled, for it is my conscientious endeavor to comply fully with your instructions and wishes and you may be assured that I will devote my efforts to the fullest extent to handling such matters to your complete satisfaction.

Very truly yours,



R. B. HOOD, SAC.

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENTS

February 25, 1949

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

This will acknowledge and thank you for
your letter of February 21st.

I appreciate very much your calling while
I was in Los Angeles. I had hoped we could get to-
gether for an afternoon at the racetrack, but it
seems there were just too many politicians on my
neck while I was out there.

We have some mutual friends who have said
a number of complimentary things about you. I am
looking forward to meeting you the next time I am in
Los Angeles.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) Joe McCarthy

JOE McCARTHY

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SAC, Los Angeles

April 20, 1949

Director, FBI

~~SPEAK NO ENGAGEMENTS~~

R.B. Hood

A review of the speaking assignments for the first three months in 1949 indicates that you personally handled 25 speaking engagements during this period.

Your interest in carrying out Bureau instructions in this connection is indeed gratifying and I trust you will continue to personally handle a large volume of speaking engagements, in view of the importance of this phase of our public relations.

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April 26, 1949

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Sir:

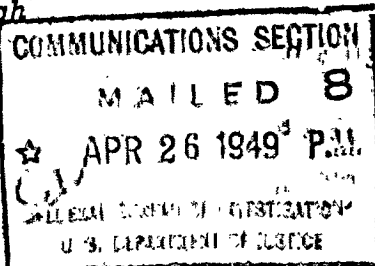
The Bureau is returning herewith your purchase authorization of April 7, 1949, covering an emergency purchase of key blanks and locks from the Lock Hardware and Supply Company in the amount of \$7.14. Your explanation of the need for this purchase is not sufficient to permit approval due to the very critical condition of the Bureau's appropriation at the present time.

The Bureau is desirous of being advised further by you as to why you considered it necessary and essential to purchase these materials at this time.

Yours very truly,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Mr. Tolson _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

R.B. Hood

DATE: June 27, 1949

FROM : J. A. CARLSON

SUBJECT:

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 Gandy ☒

most certainly I will not release him tomorrow. It would be a permanent separation.
 SAC Hood called at 11:30 A. M. and in your absence I talked with him. He advised that Mr. Fletcher Bowron, Mayor of Los Angeles, called him at his home last evening and wanted to talk with him immediately, and Mr. Hood met him at the office.

By way of background, the Grand Jury in Los Angeles has been making a study of the vice problem and irregularities in the Police Department and there has been considerable publicity. However, insufficient information has been obtained to justify the return of indictments. It appears at the moment, however, that Chief of Police Horrell will be the person who will necessarily have to assume the brunt and will necessarily have to be retired. In the event that he does not retire the Grand Jury may return ouster charges for mismanagement.

1. I will not be available to see the Mayor since he did not tell me - when he did not tell me I am up to him.
2. If Hood wants to take this job - it is up to him.
The Mayor wanted to talk to Mr. Hood for the purpose of determining if it would be possible to have the Director give Mr. Hood a leave of absence of thirty to one hundred and twenty days for the purpose of acting as Chief of Police until such time as a successor is selected. There is no one in the department presently qualified in the opinion of the Mayor to serve as Chief and it necessarily means giving Civil Service examinations to select a successor. Mr. Hood advised the Mayor that he did not think it would be possible to legally do this; that the FBI had very important work and he did not think it would be possible for him to even for a temporary period of time leave his post of duty and, lastly, that serving temporarily as Chief would materially affect his future as Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Office.

Mr. Hood advised me that under no conditions did he want to consider this even for a period of ten minutes, but he wanted this brought to the attention of the Director as Mayor Bowron wants to talk with the Director concerning the release of Hood or the Director's recommendations for a successor. The Mayor was put in a call for Matt Connelley today concerning the appointment with the President tomorrow. Mayor Bowron plans to arrive by plane in Washington, D. C. tomorrow morning at approximately 9:00 A. M. He wants very much to talk with the Director and will undoubtedly also go to the White House. Mr. Hood was of the opinion that probably the only thing that would keep the Mayor from coming to Washington would possibly be a call from Mr. Hoover.

Mr. Hood would like to be advised whether Hoover will be available to see Mayor Bowron tomorrow morning so that he in turn can advise the Mayor, if the Director does not desire to communicate directly with Mayor Bowron. Mr. Hood also wants confirmation from the Director that it will be impossible to release Mr. Hood at this time for this purpose.

JAC:DSS

Memorandum
 6/27/49
 JAC

MS Hood did not understand it when I asked him to see the Mayor - when he did not tell me I am up to him.

May 27, 1949

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, Los Angeles

Dear Sir:

R. B. Hood

The Bureau has had the opportunity of reviewing many of the Excellent annual efficiency reports dated March 31, 1949, on the employees of your division and has noted a number of instances where you have marked one or two of the items as only being adequate. Some instances of this are reflected in the annual efficiency reports of Special Agents Peter J. Pithness, George K. Hansen, Robert J. Faente, Pennel V. Rebe, and Jack C. Spencer.

Since all the items from 3 through 20 with the exception of items 4 and 7 are considered to be especially important in the position of Special Agent, and since the standard efficiency rating form specifies that such items must be considered outstanding if an employee is to be rated Excellent, it is not clearly understood how the ratings of Excellent are justified in those instances where one or two of these elements have been marked only as adequate. Therefore, it is desired that a further explanation be submitted by you in justification of the Excellent ratings given to the aforementioned employees, as well as in the case of other employees whose efficiency rating forms were marked in the same manner.

Your prompt attention should be given to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc: Los Angeles Office Personnel File
cc: SAC Hood's Personnel File

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SAC, Los Angeles

May 24, 1949

Director, FBI

SAMUEL G. McELDOONEY
Special Agent

R. B. Hood

Reference is made to the annual efficiency report submitted on the captioned employee under date of March 31, 1949.

It is noted that the narrative comments on this report reflect that Agent McElldowney has been assigned as Resident Agent in Pasadena, California during the rating period. Bureau records fail to reflect that he has ever been designated as Resident Agent.

It is desired that you advise the Bureau immediately the date such designation was made and whether or not appropriate authority was obtained from the Bureau.

cc: Movement

cc: SAC Hood's Personnel File
cc: Los Angeles Office Personnel File

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/27/49

FROM : J. A. CARLSON

SUBJECT:

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R. B. HOOD

Reference is made to the attached memorandum concerning the call from SAC Hood as a result of his conversation with Mr. Bowron, Mayor of Los Angeles.

SAC Hood called at 4:30 and inquired concerning the matter he had discussed with me this morning. I told him that the Director would not be available to see the Mayor and that also the Director would not release SAC Hood temporarily. Mr. Hood said he would advise the Mayor accordingly.

Mr. Hood had already told the Mayor that he could not consider the Mayor's suggestion but the Mayor was rather insistent that it be brought to the attention of Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hood stated that there is a possibility that Mayor Bowron may attempt to contact the Director in the event he comes to Washington.

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If Hood had in the first instance said no emphatically that would have ended it.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JUNE 30, 1949

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LOS ANGELES

IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES HAVE ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ASSOCIATED
PRESS, INS, HEARST BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES TIMES: QUOTE J. EDGAR
HOOVER STATED THAT THE SERVICES OF MR. R. B. HOOD, SPECIAL AGENT IN
CHARGE OF OUR LOS ANGELES OFFICE, ARE NEEDED AND UNDER NO CONSIDERATION
WOULD HE CONSIDER THE RELEASE OF MR. HOOD EVEN FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD.
AS TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, MR. HOOVER STATES HE
HAS NO SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO OFFER UNQUOTE. SEE NO
NEED FOR YOU TO GO BEYOND THIS STATEMENT SHOULD YOU RECEIVE INQUIRIES.

HOOVER

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Mr. Tolson
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ANNUAL REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

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Approval expires Mar. 30, 1945.

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As of 3-31-49 based on performance during period from 4-1-48 to 3-31-49
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Hood, Richard B. Special Agent in Charge, CAF-15
(Name of employee) (Title of position, service, and grade)

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Los Angeles Office
(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE ✓ if adequate — if weak + if outstanding	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐ All others ☐
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| ----- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments. | ----- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates. |
| ----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail. | ----- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work. |
| ----- (7) Accuracy of operations. | ----- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale. |
| ----- (8) Accuracy of final results. | ----- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs. |
| ----- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions. | ----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines. |
| ----- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts. | ----- (30) Ability to make decisions. |
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Reviewed by W. R. Glavin 6-15-49
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

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Los Angeles 13, California
June 27, 1949

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

RE: MAYOR FLETCHER BOWRON
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to my telephone conversation with Mr. CARLSON of the Bureau on the morning of June 27, 1949.

In the early evening of Sunday, June 26, I received a telephone call from Mayor BOWRON at my home. He stated he wished to see me immediately and inquired as to my home address, stating he would come to my residence. However, this did not appear desirable to me, and arrangements were made for him to come to the Bureau office for an appointment at 8:30 P.M., that evening.

Mayor BOWRON spent approximately one hour and one-quarter with me and went into the general situation in Los Angeles at the present time, stating that he finds the situation in the Police Department considerably worse than he had hoped, and he is convinced the Department is filled with a number of men who are committing petty grafts and some who are engaged in major shake-downs.

As the Bureau is aware, a local Grand Jury has been hearing vice charges against members of the Police Department for the past several weeks, and there has been sensational publicity in all the newspapers during this time. The Mayor pointed out that the "Los Angeles Mirror" has cut into the field of the "Daily News" and Hearst owned "Herald and Express", and consequently, the latter two papers have been looking for something sensational, and the police vice probe has suited their purpose. After such sensational articles, they now find themselves in an embarrassing position as it appears there will be no indictments and the Grand Jury itself is in an embarrassing position for the same reason. Through leaks in the Grand Jury, practically all of the testimony given by witnesses to date has appeared in the local press. The Grand Jury, according to the Mayor, feels that

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

*We want no part of
this L.A. mess.
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To: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

June 27, 1949

RE: MAYOR FLETCHER BOWRON

it must take some action and, therefore, is seriously considering instituting removal proceedings against Chief of Police C. B. HORRALL, apparently on the grounds of inefficiency. The Mayor pointed out that the Chief has had very poor public relations and he has not been aggressive in his action against members of the Department who have been accused of wrong doing. The Mayor believes that the Chief has been let down by his close administrative officers, and, consequently, must pay the price by resigning. Were he not to resign and the Grand Jury be successful in its removal proceedings, he would lose his pension, and, according to the Mayor, this is the only income he can possibly have in the future. The Mayor pointed out that the Chief is not well, and this is known for he suffers from high blood pressure. Approximately two years ago, the Mayor stated, Chief HORRALL offered his resignation in view of his health and on advice of his physician, but the Mayor was reluctant to accept it and the Chief decided to remain with the Mayor in view of the relationship between them. The Chief has been informed that by December 1, 1949, he must retire on advice of his physician. The Mayor states that, therefore, there is no alternative but for the Chief to resign at this time, although he hates to see such action take place while HORRALL is under fire. The Mayor still has implicit faith in the honesty and integrity of the Chief, and in all the proceedings there has been no indication or intimation that the Chief has in any way been dishonest, but the unanswered question is why he has not taken drastic action against the officers concerning whom serious complaints were made several months ago.

The Mayor stated that the public has lost all confidence in the Police Department, that morale is exceptionally low, and he feels the time is here when some startling and outstanding action should be taken on his part in order to turn the tide of public opinion overnight in favor of better law enforcement. He states that it is a difficult position here because conditions in Los Angeles County, in his opinion, are worse than they are in the city, and in many of the other metropolitan municipalities conditions are likewise highly irregular. Nevertheless, he knows that this is no answer to the present predicament of the Police Department.

The Mayor stated that he has talked with his close advisors and has come to the conclusion that the best solution would be, if at all possible, for me to take a leave of absence from the Bureau for sixty

To: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

June 27, 1949

RE: MAYOR FLETCHER BOWRON

days or so and be the Acting Chief of Police to reorganize the Department so it could then be turned over to a new Chief chosen from Civil Service. In the Mayor's opinion none of the present Deputy Chiefs are actually capable of handling the assignment.

The Mayor was informed that my life's work was in the Bureau and I was not interested in the position in the slightest, and, furthermore, I was confident that it could not be done under any Government regulations and that the Bureau's program was such that to consider leaving my position was impossible, and it would not work out because in the future the Bureau's work would suffer as a result of work done in working as the head of the local Department.

The Mayor wanted to ask you to release me for this period of time and stated that he had a reservation to fly to Washington, D.C., on Monday evening. He requested that I make an appointment for him with you for Tuesday, June 28. He also stated that he would possibly call on the President with reference to the local situation. He asked what your reaction would be, and I informed him that I would inquire of you but that there was no doubt that it would be the same as he had been informed, namely, that it could not be done.

The Mayor has called me several times since, and after having been informed that you could not see him as requested, and, furthermore, that you had confirmed my previous opinion to him, he stated he would not go to Washington but would deal with me here and requested that if possible the Bureau give serious consideration to recommending some qualified person to take over the running of the Department for this short period of time. He was informed that if you had anyone to name you would inform me and I would communicate with him.

As Mr. TOLSON was informed on June 28, positively no encouragement or endorsement of anyone, directly or indirectly, has been or will be given to the Mayor in this matter. Your instructions in this regard will be followed implicitly.

I wish to assure you that I have not solicited the Mayor's approach in any way. I have not in the past and will not in the future consider any such a proposition for I have no other interest except my work in the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
SAC

THE MIRROR

145 S. SPRING ST., LOS ANGELES 53 • MADISON 2311

VIRGIL PINKLEY
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

July 5, 1949

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On Saturday, I had the pleasure of writing
the enclosed column.

All of us feel that Los Angeles and this
area is indeed fortunate to have Richard Hood heading up
FBI activities.

When do you plan to come this way again?

With kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

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F.Y.I. MEMO

Fourth of July weekend. More of this in a moment, but first one or two comments on the local police situation.

Attempts were made to secure the outstanding services of Richard Hood, director of the FBI for this large area, as temporary chief of police for Los Angeles. It is understandable why Dick Hood would not leave his responsible position which is free from politics and other pressures to serve temporarily as head of the Los Angeles police department. But it is unfortunate that we cannot have a man of his character and accomplishments to head our law enforcement department.

Few, if any, men in the coun-



CHIEF WORTON.

try today are better law enforcement agents than Dick Hood.

Quietly and efficiently he handles one of the top FBI jobs magnificently. He is a most able executive. He is young. He has drive and imagination. His fanatical loyalty and sense of responsibility are matched by his honesty and courage.

WELCOME TO CHIEF

Meanwhile, William Worton, major general, U.S. Marine Corps retired, has been named as temporary chief.

All good citizens will join in wishing him well. Simultaneously, they will hope that he is given a completely free hand by Mayor Bowron and the police commission to carry out a vigorous and thorough reorganization of the department. He should insist that any and all investigations necessary be conducted ruthlessly in the minimum period of time which will permit a thorough job.

The police department has suffered a big drop in public affection and trust. This is regrettable. Most of the members of the force are fine

men. It is too bad they have been let down by a few members in the force.

But until graft and corruption are eliminated from the department and until policemen work with the public courteously and efficiently, we are going to have a division between the citizens and the police. This should not exist.

Temporary Chief Worton presumably goes in without any political debts. Apparently he is intent on doing the best job he can, and since he knows that he is not up for reappointment, he should have no hesitancy in going all out to put matters right. The public will watch and hope that Los Angeles again has the police department it deserves.

Many requests are being voiced for people to be careful over this weekend. Careful whether you are traveling in automobiles; careful as pedestrians; and careful when you engage in swimming and other sports.

If people can find time this Fourth of July weekend, they should read the Declaration of Independence.

MIGHTY DOCUMENT

It is one of the greatest documents in human rights and liberties ever penned.

It states, among other things:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

"That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

"Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes."

DREAMS AND IDEALS

These are great ideals and dreams. They are true and they have materialized. We do have one of the longest established governments in the world today. And the people are still supreme. The state serves us. We do not serve the state as in communist or radical socialist nations where people are ray fuel to fire the furnaces of the state.

VIGOR PINKLEY
July 2, 1949

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: STAMP INVENTORY

DATE: June 20, 1949

L B Hood

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Reference is made to Form FD-161, reflecting the daily inventory of stamps. It is requested, when a supply of these forms is next printed, that it be changed to provide a place to show when stamps are purchased so that the total brought forward will include those added by purchase from time to time.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to July 31, 1949, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name HILDA F. HOOD Address 731 South Baldwin Ave. Temple City, Calif.
Relationship Wife Dated June 27, 1949

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name HILDA F. HOOD Address 731 South Baldwin Ave. Temple City, Calif.
Relationship Wife Dated June 27, 1949

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Hand
Special Agent

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July 27, 1949

Mr. William H. McCloud
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

IRA Hood

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has had the opportunity of reviewing the write-up on the Bank robbery case involving the Bank of America, Arvin, California, December 30, 1947, which was submitted as the result of a recent self-inspection of the Los Angeles Division, as well as the explanation submitted, and is deeply concerned with regard to the unsatisfactory manner in which the investigation and reporting of this matter were handled by you.

Specifically, it has been noted that although there apparently was some stenographic delay which prevented the transmission of the initial report in this case to the Bureau within the required twenty-day period, nevertheless, had you followed this matter more closely the delay, in this instance, could have been avoided. In addition, it appears that you failed to place suitable notice at the Fresno County jail on a suspect in order to be advised of his possible release. It is further noted that the report submitted by you failed to set out a physical description of the suspect and likewise failed to reflect his entire criminal record.

There is no excuse for the occurrence of delinquencies of this nature, particularly on the part of an agent of your experience, and it is expected that you will exercise sufficient care in the future to avoid similar errors or it may be necessary to take more severe administrative action against you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

15 AUG 5 1949
[Handwritten signature]

CC: SAC, Los Angeles Division (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

Personnel File of SAC Hood, Los Angeles Division
Field Office File, Los Angeles Division

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July 14, 1949

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Mr. Virgil Pinkley
Editor and Publisher
The Mirror
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Pinkley:

Your letter, dated July 5, 1949, with enclosure, has been received and I was glad to read your comments on Mr. R. B. Hood, Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office.

It is encouraging as well as gratifying to know that Mr. Hood has the approval of the people of Los Angeles.

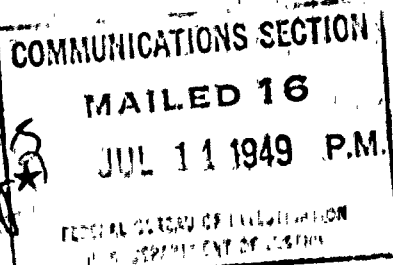
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC: Los Angeles with copy of incoming.

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September 9, 1949

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13,
California

RE: TECHNICAL AND MICROPHONE
SURVEILLANCES
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 24, 1949, setting forth a list of all technical and microphone surveillances presently in operation in your office. It has been observed that since the submission of this list, you have felt it incumbent to terminate five surveillances as unproductive. It is obvious that you conducted an examination of the surveillances in your office on or about August 24, 1949, which caused you to take the action which you did in terminating five of the surveillances. All of the discontinued surveillances have been in operation within a short time and therefore it has not been necessary to submit letters of justification.

It should not be necessary for you to conduct a mass review of all your surveillances at any particular time, but rather the productivity of each surveillance should be followed on a day-to-day basis if you are to be able to justify the continuance of each surveillance. You are directed to personally follow each microphone and technical surveillance operating in your office and if at any time the information being obtained over any of these surveillances is insufficient to justify its continuation, it should be immediately discontinued and the Bureau advised. The only exception, of course, is a surveillance which has been placed at the direction of the Bureau.

Your action in discontinuing five of the surveillances, as reflected above, confirms the feeling which I have had that you have not exhibited proper discrimination in the installation and maintenance of these surveillances. I cannot impress upon you too strongly the necessity for closely following the developments in connection with this type of investigative aid in order that there will not be any unnecessary installation made or that unproductive ones will be continued for an unnecessary length of time.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: September 7, 1949

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT : FREDERICK E. RODERICK
 SPECIAL AGENT LOS ANGELES OFFICE
 PARTICIPATION IN MICKEY COHEN
 TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE

This memorandum summarizes the above captioned Agent's participations and knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the installation of a microphone surveillance in the home of the Los Angeles gangster, Mickey Cohen. The information contained herein has been obtained from memoranda submitted by Roderick and SAC Hood.

A memorandum to [SAC Hood] dated 8-18-49 SA Roderick stated that in early 1947 he was advised by SA Emmett C. McGaughey that Cohen was moving from his Beverly Hills home to a house in West Los Angeles and that a possible microphone installation with Bureau and SAC approval, might assist in developing further information in connection with Crime Survey matters. SA Roderick stated he was asked by SA McGaughey to help him interview [redacted] to determine whether he [redacted] He assisted in this interview, which was with [redacted] [redacted] cooperate without first consulting [redacted] SA Roderick stated he told [redacted] he could forget about the Agents' contact and the interview was concluded [redacted] then stated that [redacted] contact the Agents. Roderick states [redacted] Subsequent to this Roderick maintains he had no personal knowledge of any installation or contacts made at this house.

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From a subsequent contact with Liet. Bowman of the LAPD Gangster Detail, Roderick says that he ascertained from logs that a microphone installation was installed on Cohen's residence, these logs being made available to the Los Angeles Office. From other remarks made by Bowman he knew that the PD had a microphone installation on Cohen. Roderick was subsequently made Liaison Agent with the PD and as such obtained information from the PD logs of the Cohen microphone installation. This information was reported, according to Roderick in connection with Crime Survey matters. Roderick further states that at no time did he receive or obtain personally any information concerning the Los Angeles Office having any connection with the PD's installation of the microphone in Cohen's residence. He states that at no time did he ever visit the residence or survey the same for a technical installation. This information was attached to a memorandum under the same date prepared for the Director by SAC Hood and a similar memorandum of explanation from SA McGaughey.

The director attached a routing slip to these three memoranda stating, "The statements of McGaughey and Roderick are masterpieces of

Memo to Mr. Glavin

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equivocation, vagueness and lack of frankness. Hood had no business to have Agents [redacted] without Bureau authorization and no business to have Agents [redacted] Los Angeles Police [redacted] for any such purpose without Bureau clearance. H.

Under date of 8-20-49 SAC Hood advised that the LAPD Chief W. A. Norton, informed him that he, Norton, had discussed the microphone installation at Cohen residence with ex-Lieut. Bowman and Bowman is alleged to have said that Agent Roderick together with an officer named Johnson performed manual labor in the installation of a microphone in the Cohen home. He professed to have great admiration for Roderick and did not want to do press anything to reflect unfavorably on that Agent. SAC Hood discussed this allegation with Agent Roderick who positively assured him that he did not participate in this activity and furthermore, he did not recall any acquaintanceship or meeting with anyone by the name of Johnson of the LAPD. SAC Hood said he was certain Roderick was telling the truth. Roderick submitted a nine-paragraph memorandum dated 8-20-49 specifically and categorically denying each allegation against him in connection with this matter. As evidence of his sincerity, this statement was sworn to by Roderick. Roderick indicates he is willing to face Bowman or any officer named Johnson and deny to their faces these allegations.

On 8-27-49 SAC Hood advised that Bowman had talked with him by telephone and Bowman stated that Roderick never done anything in connection with the establishment of this plant and any statement attributed to him, Bowman, to this effect was a lie.

CONCLUSIONS

The first statement of Special Agent Roderick, which is dated August 18 is not a clear-cut statement. The Director had commented that Roderick's statement, like McGaughey's statement was a masterpiece of equivocation vagueness and lack of frankness. Roderick's second statement of August 20, 1949 is very specific and to the point.

It is felt that Roderick should be advised of the Bureau's displeasure concerning the lack of clarity in his first statement and for that reason, the communication addressed to him was prepared.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California
August 24, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

[K. B. HALL]

Reference is made to our conversation on August 23rd relative to the assistance rendered by me to former Chief of Police C. B. HERRALL in connection with this investigation.

The information that I furnished you on the 23rd had not previously been furnished to you as I had hoped to save you any possible embarrassment by your having official knowledge of this activity. I realize now that this action will probably cause more embarrassment than it would have, had I discussed it with you before. At the time I made the decision to cooperate with Chief HERRALL, I was motivated by the hope of making a Federal case against COHEN through information that HERRALL would be able to make available. This action was not illegal in any way and all security measures possible appeared to have been taken, although I realize that as a matter of policy, the procedure should have been submitted to the Bureau. At no time in connection with any other case have I ever assisted any outside individual this way, although frequent requests have been received in the past from the Army, Navy, Chief HERRALL, and other agencies. Positively no consideration of any kind has ever before or since been afforded them.

In late January, 1947, HERRALL came to me at the office and asked if I could be of assistance to him in connection with getting a line so that they could get their information out of the COHEN microphone. I told him I would see what could be done and I then asked SA MARTIN CARLSEN to try to arrange this with the telephone company and he did so. No unusual discussion was had with the phone company and it was handled in the usual manner that all of our contacts were with this, the Associated Company in Santa Monica. The contact handling our business at that time, William T. Luck, Assistant General Superintendent, is now General Commercial Manager of the Illinois Commercial Telephone Company, Springfield, Illinois.

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It ran until October 12,

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RE: MICKEY COHEN

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1948, which was about the time the microphones had been discovered by COHEN. b7E

[REDACTED] That is the complete story on this matter.

With reference to the statement in the Los Angeles Examiner on the evening of August 23rd, in the early morning edition for the following day, reference is made to the statement of Sergeant, E.V. JACKSON of the LAPD that the FBI knew about the installation of the microphones in the COHEN house and place of business since they were set up. LAPD officers advised Agents of this office that they had such microphones; however, we never received any written reports on the microphones in the place of business and we do not know from the information we received what part of it actually came from such source. They were giving us information regularly concerning COHEN's contacts locally and with persons from other sections of the country. The liaison with Lieutenant GEORGE BOWMAN was with Agents R. E. RODERICK and E. C. LE GAUGHNEY at different times. I was never the liaison man with Lieutenant BOWMAN. I recall very distinctly that at a meeting of the Los Angeles County Peace Officers Association on or about January 10, 1948, Agent RODERICK motioned to me in a crowd of officers and I went over to him and he introduced me to Lieutenant BOWMAN. This was the first time I ever met him. He had asked RODERICK to make the introduction and pointed me out and asked if I were SAC KCOD. I had a very short talk with him, not over five minutes, not about the COHEN case but about [REDACTED] a Hollywood jewel suspect in an MSPA case and there was something about a New York license plate being checked out by us. This conversation took place by a phone booth and I recall's stepping into it, calling the office and attempting to contact Agent BRADLEY, no longer in the service, who was handling jewel cases then. He was not available and I told BOWMAN that BRADLEY would contact him the first of the week- this taking place on Saturday. I thanked BOWMAN for the information that he was furnishing us at that time. I do not recall having ever spoken to BOWMAN since that date and I am certain he has not been in my office to discuss any phase of investigation.

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SA JOHN L. SULLIVAN advises by teletype that he does not even know Lieutenant BOWMAN; that he was liaison with Sergeant JACKSON in MSTA matters. JACKSON was vague, non-specific, over a year old and had absolutely no value to any one and was not even worth writing up in his opinion.

SAC CARSON from Miami states that JOHN F. O'ROURKE is a notorious bookmaker and gambler in West Palm Beach and has been well known as such

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RE: MICKEY COHEN

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since 1931. He has searched all references in the Miami office without finding any reference to any \$30,000.00, item or any connection with the COHEN case, with the possible exception of our letter to Miami of November 16, 1948, in which we set out a list of telephone numbers in Miami and West Palm Beach which have been repeatedly called by COHEN according to information requested and some of the numbers are listed to JOHN F. O'ROURKE.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 22, 1949

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: MICHAEL "MICKEY" COHEN
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

Recently the local authorities in Los Angeles have been subjected to considerable adverse publicity in connection with a technical surveillance which the Los Angeles Police Department maintained upon "Mickey" Cohen. An unwarranted effort was made to draw the Bureau into this situation in order to divert to us part of the unfavorable publicity.

[R.B. Hood]
In order that there will be no repetition of situations of this kind, it is believed necessary that specific instructions be issued to the field that no assistance, direct or indirect, be rendered to local authorities in the installation of a technical surveillance; that any information received over such a surveillance by the local authorities not be requested or accepted by a field division without specific Bureau authority and that no preliminary inquiries be made in connection with a technical surveillance contemplated by any Bureau field division until specific Bureau authorization for the surveillance has been received. An SAC Letter in this regard is attached.

Attachment

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE. "Unfortunately it was warranted. Our SAC at S. A. was guilty of outrageous and completely irregular action in participating in this situation." H.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California
August 20, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MICKEY COHEN

R. B. Hood

On August 20, 1949, I talked at length with Chief W. A. WORTON and he stated he had discussed the microphone surveillance at the COHEN home with ex-Lieutenant GEORGE BOWMAN and that officer professed to be telling him the truth, exacting the promise that he would never involve Agent RODERICK in any subsequent development, and of course the Chief agreed to this.

BOWMAN related that Agent RODERICK had, together with an officer named JOHNSON, performed manual labor in the installing of a microphone in the COHEN home. He professed to have great admiration for RODERICK and would not want to do so or say anything to reflect unfavorably on that Agent.

I have discussed this matter again with Agent RODERICK and he positively assures me that he did not participate in this activity and further on, he does not recall any acquaintanceship or meeting with an officer named JOHNSON in the Los Angeles Police Department.

Agent RODERICK is an exceptionally conscientious, dependable Agent, and I am certain that he is telling the truth in so far as his action in this matter is concerned.

As you will recall in a memorandum recently submitted by this Agent it is stated that some time ago BOWMAN casually indicated that a man named [redacted] had participated in the installation. This certainly is quite likely for it is a known fact that [redacted] has done [redacted] b6 b7C

CHIEF WORTON informed me that there is another news story about to break on a vice situation which relates to the paid off release of VAN JOHNSON, motion picture actor, on two morals charges. The San Francisco Chronicle reportedly has the story to break on Monday, August 22nd. It is claimed that he was in the company of [redacted] when the latter was arrested on a morals charge, and subsequently JOHNSON was said to have been arrested in the company of a [redacted] on a morals charge, however through studio activity he was never brought in on either of these charges.

You will be immediately informed of any subsequent developments in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ R. B. Hood

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Aug. 27-1949

FROM: OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO: MR. TOLSON
MR. CLAVEN
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS
MR. ROSEN
MR. MOHR

R.B. Hood

Director's Rating Slip + Notation

The action of Hood was absolutely inexcusable. He should be severely censured for it. I want no further no further technicals of any kind authorized in A. Div. without my personal approval of each and everyone.

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Refer To Serial # 153 - 1720

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Los Angeles, California
August 27, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RE: NICKY COHEN

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At 11:25 a.m., on Saturday August 27, 1949, GEORGE BOWMAN, ex-lieutenant, Los Angeles Police Department, telephonically communicated with Special Agent FREDERICK E. RODERICK at his home. He told RODERICK that he would like to see him in order to discuss what he was to say when questioned by the District Attorney, STIMPSON, on August 28. RODERICK told him that he could not see him and if he wanted to see a Bureau representative suggested that he contact me and furthermore, that he could not tell him what to say to the District Attorney other than to tell the truth just as he had done himself. In fact, he had been embarrassed considerably by a statement attributed to BOWMAN concerning RODERICK'S participation in an incident and BOWMAN knew very well that RODERICK hadn't participated in it. BOWMAN denied that he had ever stated that RODERICK was a participant in it. BOWMAN informed him that he did not wish to involve any agent personnel in his testimony and it was because of that that he had wanted to talk with RODERICK. He stated that he knew that RODERICK had nothing to do with it whatever and that the only person who had was Agent E. G. McCAWHEY who had given him the key to the place. He stated that he did not want to make any inferences to the detriment of the Bureau and referred to a conversation that he had with RODERICK A year or so ago when he referred to a possible leak of information in this office. RODERICK stated that he would appreciate it if BOWMAN would talk to me rather than him and ascertained that BOWMAN was staying with friends and obtained the number for me to call him.

Immediately upon receiving this information I endeavored to contact you at the hotel. However, there was no answer. I did talk with Mr. Ladd at the Bureau and in accordance with the understanding with him it was agreed that I would continue to locate you for a short time and if that was not possible then to call BOWMAN and tell him that I could not interview him until after he had testified for the District Attorney. I put off calling him as long as it appeared feasible and finally at 2:30 called him and stated that

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August 27, 1949

RE: MICKEY CONEN

since the District Attorney had brought him here he was the witness of that official and that I could not interview him until after he had testified and after that time I would like to see him at the office and requested him to call me. He stated that he would if he could as he was returning to Colorado that same date. I will be at the office to receive his call.

BOWMAN told me that he was very anxious not to involve the FBI in any way in his testimony and he did not desire to have Agents RODERICK and MCGAUGHEY involved in this in any way as they had done nothing except that Agent MCGAUGHEY had given him the key. I asked him if this were correct and he repeated that it was. No further attempt was made to interview him on this point over the telephone. BOWMAN told me that he was in the clear insofar as the sale, release or otherwise making available information that has fallen into the hands of CONEN and the newspapers. He stated that he had never shown it to any unauthorized person and no one outside his department except this office and he remarked that he had picked up the material that he had turned over to us. He was told that obviously he should tell the truth in his testimony and that certainly his relationship with this office was one of liason in connection with an investigation of mutual interest and what our relationship had been with him insofar as we were concerned was between the police department and the FBI. His attention was called to the press items indicating that the District Attorney's interest was in the unauthorized release of certain information. He added that certainly a statement attributed to him that RODERICK had rendered any assistance in connection with the establishing of the plant was a lie for the Agent had never done anything in connection with it. That was the full extent of our conversation.

BOWMAN indicated a friendly attitude towards this office and the Bureau and he obviously has given considerable thought to his testimony. Personally it appears to me that there is now every indication of BOWMAN being a friendly witness.

In his conversation with RODERICK he undoubtedly refers to a statement made to Agents RODERICK and TRA J. KELLOGG

Los Angeles, California

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August 27, 1949

RE: MICKY COHEN

on August 24, 1948 which was reported to me at that time by those Agents and there is a memorandum by me in the office personnel file dated September 9, 1948 reflecting that. BOHMAN told the Agents that there was a leak in the Los Angeles Office for he was able to get information and he knew what Agent RODERICK had written about him. This appeared to be untrue at the time for had he known that RODERICK had written he probably never would have spoken to him. Immediately upon receipt of this information a very thorough check was made of the copies of reports on racketeering matters, on the Crime Survey and a check was run for a while on the files to see who was calling for these materials and files that were kept on the eleventh floor were put into other cabinets and the locks changed. I instructed RODERICK, through his Supervisor, to re-interview BOHMAN and insist on further details but BOHMAN would only state that the person who had given him information was no longer connected with the Bureau. There was nothing to substantiate his statement in anyway and it was considered to be another bragging statement of BOHMAN'S. The contents of my memorandum was not forwarded to the Bureau at that time as it was simply a general statement of BOHMAN'S which he himself would not back up and my own inquiries here in the office showed it to be without foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD

Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR NOT. " This was absolutely wrong. I want Hood to have it very strongly indicated to him his office is a part of the FBI and not a separate principality -- a law unto itself." H

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California

August 18, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTORRE: MICKEY COHENR.B. HOOD

Chief of Police W. A. WORTON advised me on the evening of August 17th that he was conducting an investigation into the "leak" of information concerning the surveillance maintained by the department approximately two years ago on MICKEY COHEN and he has learned that some public official made available a copy of the transcript of the microphone conversations to U. S. Attorney JAMES M. CARTER or MAX GOLDSHEIN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who you will recall was here conducting prosecutions of certain Communist Party members for Contempt of Court and Perjury. GOLDSHEIN was identified for him as he did not know who he was. The Bureau was previously advised of GOLDSHEIN'S desire to conduct a Federal Grand Jury inquiry into local racketeering. From there the report was made available to GEORGE WHITE, described as head of the Federal Narcotic Service in San Francisco, and allegedly from him it went to the San Francisco Chronicle and the Los Angeles Times.

WORTON inquired if I had any knowledge about what public official might have made it available and he specifically inquired if it were the FBI. He was positively and emphatically assured that such was not the case under any circumstances.

It appears that quite possibly an informant that GOLDSHEIN was using, or officers of the LAPD with whom CARTER is friendly, made the material available to him. He has never indicated to us that he possessed it.

WORTON further related that he had been in telephonic conversation with former Lieutenant GEORGE BOWMAN of the LAPD who now resides in Colorado, having retired. He worked out of the Chief's office, was in charge of the Gangster Squad at that time and was also the one designated to contact this office by the then Chief C. B. HORRALL. BOWMAN reportedly told WORTON that the microphone placed in COHEN'S house had been placed there by Special Agents R. E. Roderick and E. C. McGaughey of this office and WORTON inquired if this were true. He was emphatically informed that this was absolutely untrue as Agents had never installed any microphone in COHEN'S quarters at any address. He was advised that this office had learned COHEN was moving from the city of Beverly Hills to the city of Los Angeles and the address was furnished to BOWMAN and he requested our assistance in getting [redacted] and since this person was known to Agents Roderick and McGaughey, he was

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RE: MICKEY COHEN

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introduced by them. BOWMAN made his own arrangements and we do not know what they were and Agents did not participate in or observe the installations at any time and were not in the house after the original owner left it. The integrity of these Agents is without question and I am absolutely certain they did not assist in or make this installation. [redacted]

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The above information has now been corrected by Agents Roderick and McGaughey in that they both agree that Roderick was not present after the initial [redacted] and actually had no further knowledge [redacted] with us or the PD.

Thereafter for a period of several months, BOWMAN furnished the Agents with transcripts of conversations reportedly received through this microphone, but there is no way to tell if they were furnished all of them as it was not done on a daily basis. They were furnished to keep us up to date on COHEN'S activities to determine if there was any indication of a violation within our jurisdiction. Gradually, after a period of time, BOWMAN tapered off and did not make any reports available. They were examined and many of them contained information of considerable value in so far as our Crime Survey is concerned and that information deemed pertinent was furnished to the Bureau at that time by letter and in the Crime Survey Report. It was of considerable value in estimating the local situation as far as it went. BOWMAN'S copies were all returned to him, copies having been made for our purposes.

It is not possible for me to recall specifically at this time, if McGaughey advised me immediately prior to his action or immediately subsequent thereto, but it was one or the other, and I did not communicate with the Bureau and advise of this development or have it approved. The only reason for not doing so at the time was that it did not appear to be a matter of such consequence simply to have arranged for BOWMAN to have [redacted] Certainly at that time we had no wide-spread knowledge of corruption on the part of officers working immediately under Chief MORRALL, and while my action appears subject to criticism, it appeared justifiable at that time. It is to be pointed out that information relative to pay-offs and other activities by COHEN were being investigated by the PD at that time and the matter was within their jurisdiction and there was no reason for us to take any action or such information be reported to any other agency.

MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR

8-18-49

RE: MICKEY COHEN

WORTON is bringing BOWMAN to Los Angeles on August 18, by plane for interview and he will advise me of any further information received. This situation will be watched extremely closely for any possible developments and you will be immediately advised.

Today's press indicates that U. S. Attorney CARTER has stated he can obtain indictments on the information contained in these records. He personally informed me that he made no such statement but indicated he was studying them for whatever assistance they might be, but of themselves they do not contain such evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ R. B. Hood

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge.

September 22, 1949

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

In connection with the recently reported allegations against Agents Kellogg and O'Driscoll of the Los Angeles Division, it is noted that in the initial instance you neglected to obtain the complete facts for the Bureau but apparently relied entirely upon the employees' unsupported denials.

This made it necessary for the Bureau to request the investigation thus causing the expenditure of effort and delaying the receipt by the Bureau of the complete story.

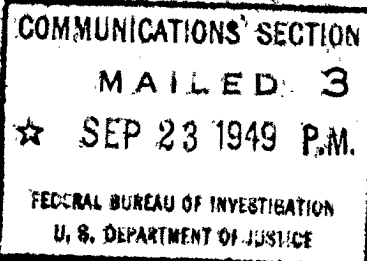
In view of the above it is desired to call your attention the advisability of promptly furnishing the Bureau the complete facts together with the employees' memoranda in connection with any allegations made against Bureau personnel.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Los Angeles Personnel File

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September 6, 1949

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I have given careful consideration to the explanations furnished by you and agents of your office regarding the part played by the Los Angeles Division in the installation of a microphone surveillance by the Los Angeles Police Department in the home of a well known racketeer, and I consider your conduct in this matter absolutely inexcusable.

There can be no satisfactory excuse or explanation for your failure to consult the Bureau obtaining authorization before introducing a member of the Police Department to the property owner and subsequently utilizing a Bureau contact to obtain a telephone line for the microphone. You apparently failed completely to realize the highly delicate nature of the situation in which you were interjecting the Bureau without authorization. Trust that recent developments, however, have served to convince you of the truth of this fact. I further note that when the discovery of the Police microphone by the individual under surveillance was brought to your attention, you still failed to notify the Bureau of the part you and the Los Angeles Office had taken, although the possibility of publicity involving the Bureau in the affair must have occurred to you at that point.

In addition, you now inform me that approximately one year ago information was received to the effect that there was a leak in the Los Angeles Office through which a police officer allegedly had obtained certain confidential information. This development most certainly should have been called to the attention of the Bureau without any delay whatsoever.

It is apparent to me that there has been down right concealment, evasion and a general lack of frankness in this matter upon the part of yourself and the other agents under your supervision. At this time I wish to correct an apparent misapprehension on your part and

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Mr. Richard S. Hood
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remind you that the Los Angeles Division is a part of the Bureau and not a separate principality or a law unto itself.

These matters reflect seriously upon your judgment as an SAC and I want you to fully realize that any further derelictions of this nature may lead to more severe administrative action.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Los Angeles Personnel File

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October 3, 1949

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 19, California

Dear Dick:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your most successful and effective work at the recent IACP Convention. Assistant Director H. H. Clegg has advised me of your untiring services and your comments with reference to the activities at this Convention are deeply appreciated.

Our many contacts during the course of this Convention should prove most helpful in our future liaison with law enforcement organizations throughout the Nation.

With kind regards,

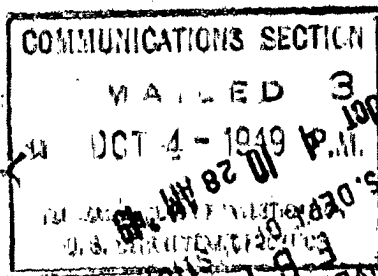
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC Assistant Director H. H. Clegg

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Mr. Glavin

October 6, 1949

H. L. Edwards

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

[R.E. Hood]

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You will recall that information was received from the Los Angeles Division reflecting that one, [REDACTED], of the American Service Bureau, Los Angeles, which investigates matters for insurance concerns, reported certain information of a derogatory nature which his agency had ascertained concerning the captioned Bureau employee.

Specifically, it was reported by [REDACTED] that during their neighborhood investigation of [REDACTED] in Southgate, it had been learned that in December of 1948, employee [REDACTED] was arrested in Southgate for speeding 50 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone, was fined \$25.00 and received a day in jail sentence suspended. The neighbors complained that [REDACTED] was a reckless driver and had been involved in minor accidents which were not recorded in police files. Further, that his mother died over a year ago and the employee had been involved in some difficulty with his step-father over his mother's property. It was also alleged that the inquiry reflected that the employee, while living at [REDACTED] Wilmington, from 1947 to December, 1948, had awakened the neighbors one night about midnight when he dropped a case of beer on the apartment steps. [REDACTED] further advised, however, that the favorable information which had been developed concerning [REDACTED] far outbalanced the detrimental information obtained.

FACTS SHOWN BY INQUIRY

SAC Hood advised that a check with the Southgate Police Department and Traffic Court failed to reflect any record whatever of [REDACTED] traffic or criminal, from May, 1943 to September, 1949. SAC Hood also advised that he had talked with employee [REDACTED] about these comments and that the employee had denied that he had ever been arrested for speeding or that he had been in minor accidents. He further stated that there had been no disputes with his step-father, that he and his step-father hired the same attorney and that they decided to share the estate of the employee's mother equally. He indicated that he was still friendly with his step-father although he did not see him frequently. Employee [REDACTED] also stated that never in his life had he purchased a case of beer or dropped a case of beer and he could not imagine who would have made such allegations against him.

FURTHER COMMENTS

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In connection with the foregoing SAC Hood advised that in view of the unfounded character of the statements made and the fact that employee [REDACTED] was doing a good job and had a good attitude, unless advised to the contrary no further inquiry

would be made in this matter.

With regard to this situation the Director commented that SAC Hood was brushing this matter aside when it should be run down, that we should go back to [] and get sources to run them out and to establish what the facts are. The Director noted that this was the second case within a week where SAC Hood just closed it upon assurance of employee that the charges were untrue.

In view thereof, a communication was directed to SAC Hood under date of September 28, 1949, advising him of his failure to properly handle this situation and that this was the second recent instance of this nature in which he had failed to properly take further action. He was also instructed to immediately recontact [] and to obtain the sources of [] derogatory information and all of the unfavorable statements made in order to run them out and to definitely and unquestionably establish the true facts.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED

Under date of September 27, 1949, SAC Hood advised that [] was recontacted but was unable to furnish the sources of his information regarding employee [] explained that he kept no files on the investigations conducted, that the allegations were made by neighbors of [] but [] was unable to recall any definite information concerning the identities of the informants. [] further advised that a new (rookie) investigator handled the matter and subsequently told [] that he had picked up the information in the neighborhood. [] said that after he had initially reported the information to the Bureau he decided he was not satisfied with the rookie's investigation so he assigned an experienced investigator to re-cover the ground. According to [] this experienced man came back with no derogatory information and stated that everything was favorable. [] thereupon sent through a clear report on [] and recommended that his insurance be granted. [] declined to name the rookie. He also stated his investigators do not request the names of people interviewed and no note is made of their addresses.

SAC Hood further advised that an investigation in the vicinity of [] [] Wilmington, California, where [] is alleged to have dropped a case of beer, disclosed that [] was unknown to the individuals who are presently residing there. As this address was located in a housing project the Administration Office was contacted and informed that during the time [] lived there, from July 28, 1947 to December 21, 1948, no complaints were received concerning him and in view thereof it appeared that [] must have been an unusually good tenant. Further inquiries were made in the vicinity of [] former address in Southgate, California, and six neighbors contacted advised that they had never heard of [] being involved in any traffic or other violations of the law.

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RECOMMENDATION

From the foregoing it does not appear that there is any basis for the alle-

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gations initially reported concerning employee [] and accordingly no further action is recommended.

Inasmuch as the Bureau's letter to SAC Hood under date of September 22, 1949, admonished Hood for his improper handling of this matter in the first instance it is recommended that no further action be taken.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: September 2, 1949

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: MICKEY COHEN
Technical Surveillance

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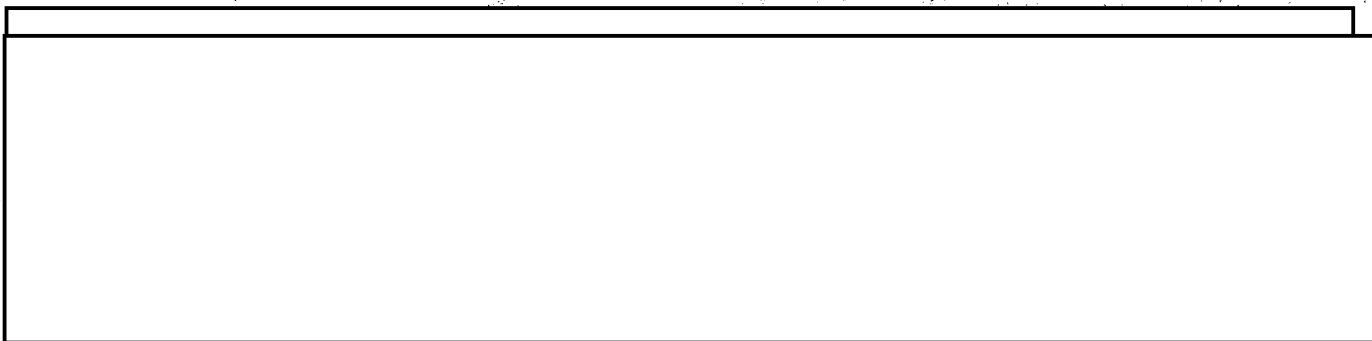
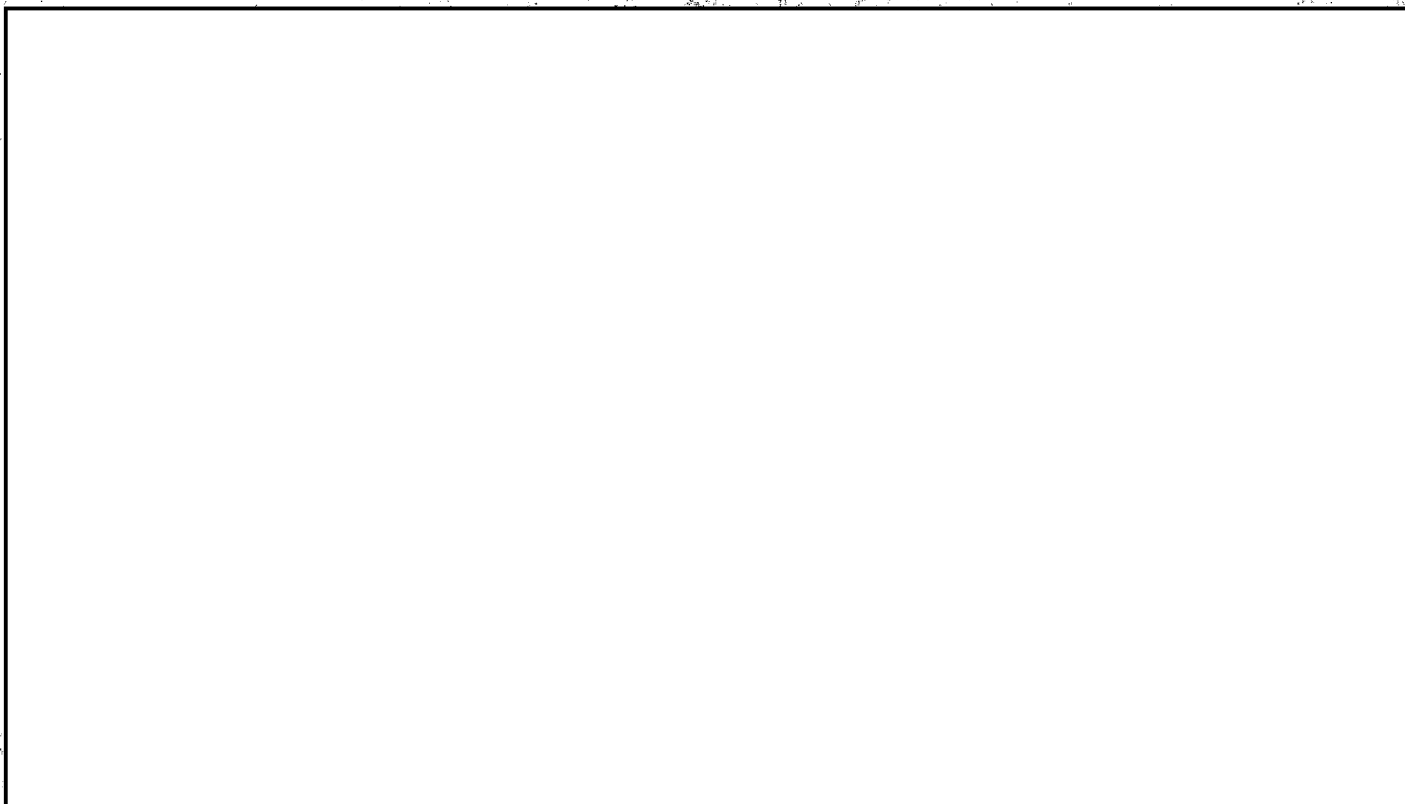
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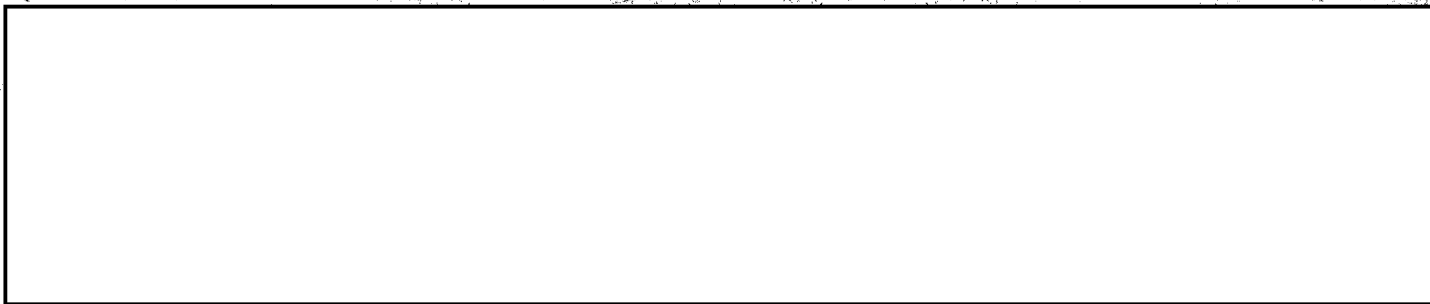
At about that time or very shortly thereafter, [REDACTED]

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(EXPLANATIONS OF SAC HOOD AND AGENTS:)



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Agent John L. Sullivan has advised that he first became acquainted with [REDACTED] in June, 1947 when the latter furnished him information concerning a possible [REDACTED] case. Thereafter [REDACTED] furnished information concerning other possible [REDACTED] violations and as a result several new cases were opened in the Los Angeles Office and [REDACTED] was listed by Agent Sullivan as a confidential informer. In [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that letters of censure be directed to SAC Hood and Agents McGaughey and Roderick in connection with this matter. Letters are attached for use in the event this recommendation should be approved.

Enclosures

CC: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen

Los Angeles Personnel File

The Director has already issued instructions re letters
W. A. B. [signature]
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :MR. NICHOLS

DATE: 9-28-49

FROM :Mr. H. H. Clegg

SUBJECT:

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It is recommended that letters of appreciation be extended to the following Bureau personnel who participated successfully and effectively in the IACP Convention at Dallas:

Inspection J. S. Rogers, who handled the IACP Luncheon and was busy with numerous contacts;

^{S.S.} SAC Alden of Dallas, where the Convention was held, and whose arrangements for the Convention were splendid. He gave his devoted attention to every possible detail. He was also a member of the Resolutions Committee.

^{C.E.} SAC Weeks of San Antonio; ^{S.K.} SAC McKee of Newark; ^{R.B.} SAC Hood of Los Angeles; SAC Soucy of Boston and SAC Bryce of Oklahoma City, all of whom did effective work.

Special Agent Alton M. Bryant and Special Agent Vincent E. Drain of the Dallas Office, who were excellent in making contacts, handling details and acted like experienced veterans in convention maneuvering.

Special Agent Supervisor W. C. Sullivan for an outstanding performance on the subject of Communism;

Miss Beatrice C. Dumas and Mrs. Eleanor H. Harris, stenographers of the Dallas Office, who were patient, efficient, helpful and cooperative.

I also suggest an additional letter to SAC Alden for the general helpfulness of the Dallas Office since the rest of the office had to assume additional burdens in order that SAC Alden and his associates of the office could participate actively in the Convention activities.

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W. R. GLAVIN

September 20, 1949

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MEYER HOROWITZ, was;
HARRY GROSSMAN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

(RE Hood)

By letter of September 8, 1949, SAC Hood advised the Bureau that it had just been learned that at the time of the arrest of Horowitz by the Los Angeles Police Department on August 23, 1949, for illegal possession of narcotics and firearms, Grossman, a private detective who was with Horowitz and apparently believed he was about to be arrested, informed officers that he was acquainted with Special Agents Ira J. Kellogg and Jerome J. O'Driscoll of the Los Angeles Office and had rendered them assistance. When Grossman mentioned the Agents' names, Horowitz then professed to know them also and stated that they often came to the Continental Cafe owned by Mickey Cohen, where they always had drinks on the house. This information was furnished the Los Angeles Office by Los Angeles detective [redacted]

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In his letter, SAC Hood advised that he had obtained memoranda from the Agents and they positively state that neither knows Horowitz, has never talked to him and has never been inside the Continental Cafe under any circumstances. [redacted]

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DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

Upon receipt of SAC Hood's letter, the Director inquired as to why Grossman and Horowitz had not been interviewed, and what the Agents said regarding the allegations. He further indicated that the full statements of the Agents should have been sent the Bureau.

INTERAGENCY INVESTIGATION

Upon Bureau instructions, Horowitz and Grossman were interviewed at the Los Angeles Office. They advised that on August 23, 1949, Horowitz received a telephone call at Michael's Haberdashery, owned by Mickey Cohen, from a police officer at Horowitz' home.

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Horowitz was told to proceed home immediately and he did so accompanied by Grossman, who had been in the Taberdashery with him. Although Horowitz understood that the officers were from the Police Department, Grossman, for some unknown reason, assumed they were Bureau Agents and when the officers [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department and [redacted] a Federal Narcotics Agent) began to question him, Grossman said something to the effect, "You got me wrong. I know some of your boys, Kellogg and O'Driscoll. You can call them and see that I'm pretty clean". Both Horowitz and Grossman stated emphatically that no mention was made at any time by Horowitz that he knew Agents Kellogg and O'Driscoll or any Bureau Agents; furthermore, no statements were made by either individual that any Agents had ever come into the Continental Cafe and had drinks on the house.

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Horowitz claimed that his arrest was a frame-up and that the police had a purpose in reporting these allegations to the FBI in order to discredit him in the eyes of the Bureau. He pointed out another example of allegedly false statements by the police in connection with the newspaper story to the effect that at the time of the recent arrest of Harold "Happy" Meltzer, Meltzer had stated that Mickey Cohen was a "punk" and that Meltzer had worn Cohen's castoff clothes. Horowitz asserted that Meltzer had made no such statements but that they were passed on to the newspapers for a similar ulterior motive.

AGENTS' DENIALS

Agents Kellogg and O'Driscoll have both submitted memoranda which have been forwarded the Bureau. Both deny ever having met or being acquainted with Horowitz, or ever having been in the Continental Cafe. Kellogg stated that he observed Horowitz on one occasion but has never spoken to him. O'Driscoll stated that [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION

From the above information, it does not appear that Agents O'Driscoll and Kellogg have been guilty of any misconduct or improper judgment in this matter.

It is recommended that a letter be directed to SAC Hood pointing out the desirability of promptly furnishing the Bureau with the full facts together with Agents' memoranda in connection with any allegations made against such Bureau employees.

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CC - Mr. Rosen

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September 22, 1949

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SAC, Los Angeles

RE: [redacted]
Clerk

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 16, 1949 regarding certain allegations made by an insurance investigator against the captioned employee and it is noted that, based upon the fact that there was no record of [redacted] alleged traffic violation in the Police Department and Traffic Court together with the employee's denials, you have concluded that the statements were unfounded and plan no further inquiry unless advised to the contrary.

[redacted] the insurance investigator, should be immediately recontacted, the sources of his derogatory information ascertained and all of the unfavorable statements made by [redacted] run out in order to definitely and unquestionably establish the true facts. This matter must be handled promptly and the Bureau advised of the results without delay.

It is noted that this is the second instance recently in which allegations against employees of your office have been brought to your attention and upon the assurance of such employees that the charges were untrue you have concluded the matter without further action. Such procedure is entirely unsatisfactory and any such allegations against personnel received in the future should be immediately and painstakingly explored.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Los Angeles 13, California
September 16, 1949

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: [REDACTED]
CLERK

Dear Sir:

(R.B. Hood)

On September 14, 1949 [REDACTED] of the American Service Bureau, Los Angeles, which investigates matters for insurance companies, called on SA JAMES E. DALLY whom he has known for some time and said that he has been making inquiry as to insurance risk, reputation, etc. of our Clerk, [REDACTED]. HE said ~~some~~ things had come up in the investigation which he thought should be brought to the Bureau's attention.

[REDACTED] related that in the neighbor investigation in South Gate he was told that in December, 1946 [REDACTED] was arrested in South Gate for speeding 50 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone, was fined \$25.00 and received a day in jail sentence suspended. The neighbors complained that he was a reckless driver and had been involved in minor accidents which were not recorded in the Police files. Further, that his mother died over a year ago and that he had some dispute with his step-father over her property.

Inquiry reflected that while he was living at [REDACTED] Wilmington, from 1947 to December, 1948, the neighbors were awakened one night about midnight when [REDACTED] dropped a case of beer on the apartment steps.

[REDACTED] said that the favorable information which had been developed concerning [REDACTED] far butbalanced the detrimental information obtained.

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A check with the South Gate Police Department and traffic court fails to reflect any record whatever on [REDACTED] Traffic or criminal, from May, 1943 to date. I have talked to [REDACTED] about these comments. He denies that he has ever been arrested for speeding or that he has been involved in minor accidents. He said there has been no dispute with his step-father; that his mother died without leaving a will, that he and his step-father hired the same attorney and that they decided to share the estate equally. He said that some of the relatives of his step-father did hold that he was entitled to a bigger share of the estate [REDACTED] which [REDACTED] protested, and the estate was divided as originally suggested. He said he is still friendly with his step-father, although he does not see him frequently, having moved away from the family home about two years ago when he [REDACTED] was married.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

SEPTEMBER 16, 1949

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RE: [REDACTED] - Clerk

[REDACTED] states that never in his life has he purchased a case of beer or dropped a case on the apartment house steps. He cannot imagine who would be making such allegations against him.

In view of the unfounded character of the statements made and the fact that [REDACTED] IS DOING a good job and has a good attitude, unless advised to the contrary, no further inquiries will be made in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION:

Again Hood brushes a matter aside that should be run down. We should go back to [REDACTED] and get sources to run them out and establish what the facts are. This is the second case within a week where Hood just closed it upon assurance of employee charges were untrue. I will not tolerate any more such executive blindness.

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October 13, 1949

MEMO DATED FOR MR. TOLSON

On October 11 I saw Special Agent in Charge R. B. Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division.

Mr. Hood is one of the older Agents in Charge and makes a good personal appearance.

I discussed with him the laziness of administration of his field division and his failure to properly grasp the need for a thorough investigation of any charges of derelictions upon the part of employees, as well as his delay in notifying the Bureau of such charges.

I also reiterated to him my very definite desire that he not again be guilty of such mishandling of relations with the local police department as we had found him to be. I told him that instances of duplicity would not again be tolerated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: January 30, 1950

FROM : Mr. H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: In-Service Training

For your information SAC R. B. Hood of Los Angeles is the only SAC who will report for In-Service Training on February 6, 1950. SAC Hottel of the Washington Field Office had been scheduled but he has requested to be set up for a later date in view of the fact he has been receiving weekly treatments from his physician for a bronchial condition and is somewhat apprehensive that the weather at Quantico might aggravate that condition until it clears up. Unless advised to the contrary SAC Hottel will not be scheduled for February 6, 1950.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

RECORDS SECTION

February 23, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On February 14 I saw Special Agent in Charge R. B. Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division. Mr. Hood is one of the older SAC's, is of excellent appearance, and is intensely interested in his work.

I called to his attention certain delinquencies which have occurred in his field division.

I mentioned the delinquencies in investigative and stenographic work and also the matter of maintenance of proper discipline with his personnel.

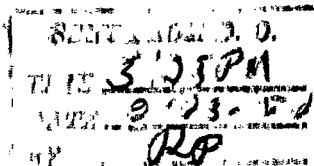
I called to his attention the necessity of developing more active and productive informants in the criminal field as well as in the National Defense field.

I brought to his attention rather vigorously the naiveness with which he has in the past accepted in good faith the professions of the Los Angeles Police Department, and pointed out to him that the recent incidents developing from the radio program "Dragnet" should convince him that the Los Angeles Police Department cannot be depended upon to be 100% cooperative with the Bureau, or even friendly to the Bureau, and I wanted him to be more circumspect in dealing with law enforcement agencies and not to be too gullible in accepting at face value their professions of friendship.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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SAC, Los Angeles

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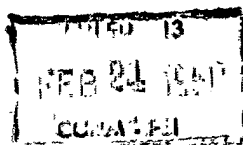
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Practical Pistol Course	86
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.30 Rifle	79
Machine Gun	93
1 day Specialized Training in:	—

Very truly yours,

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SAC R. B. Hood
Los Angeles

HLS: dcs



Director, FBI

1-17-50

SAC, Los Angeles

CROSS REFERENCES ON FILES

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In view of the fact that there is a possibility that a Bureau file might be subpoenaed into Court, it is recommended that whenever there is a confidential sub-section to a file, the field be instructed that the sub-section is not to be cross-indexed on the cover of the main file.

For example, if there is a sub-section for logs in an espionage case, it should not be referenced on the face of the main file cover for it might be argued in Court that the sub-file is a part of the case file and its introduction might be demanded.

Any type of a confidential file should apparently come under this rule and not be cross-indexed to any file.

RBH:AB

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. H. GLAVIN
FROM : H. L. Edwards
SUBJECT: Information desired by Mr. Adler

DATE: February 6, 1950

This afternoon Jack Adler, Personnel Officer in the Department, telephonically advised me that Dean Shedler, Public Relations Man in the Department, had requested Adler to get a complete list of all of the employees in the Department in Grade GS 15 who were 45 years of age and under. He desired the name, age, official title, grade and salary and requested this information today if possible. Adler stated that he did not know exactly the reason the information was desired but supposed it was in connection with some Public Relations project showing positions of prominence occupied by young men in the Government.

Our records show the following employees in this category:

NAME	AGE	OFFICIAL TITLE	GRADE	SALARY
Richard B. Hood	41	Special Agent in Charge	GS 15	10,500
George R. McSwain	39	Special Agent in Charge	GS 15	10,750
Alex Rosen	44	Assistant Director	GS 15	10,500
Louis B. Nichols	44	Assistant Director	GS 15	10,500

RECOMMENDATION: That I be authorized to telephonically furnish this information to Mr. Adler.

HLE:JW

"O.K." (H)

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February 2, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated January 17, 1950, that in view of the fact that there is a possibility a Bureau file might be subpoenaed into Court, the Field be instructed that the confidential sub-section to a file not be cross-indexed on the cover of the main file.

Your suggestion will be given appropriate attention at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to the adoption of it.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

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January 26, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestions concerning Enclosures and Administrative Posting of Cases. You are advised that these suggestions will be given appropriate attention at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to the adoption of either or both of these suggestions.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

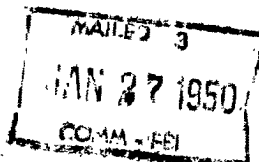
J. Edgar Hoover

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Suggestions Nos. 364 and 355

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W. H. ...

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 1949

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES
SUBJECT: EFFICIENCY REPORTS

The Bureau's rule now requires that a special efficiency report be submitted on a newly-appointed Special Agent sixty days after he arrives in the Field. A report is also due on the same Agent six months after his entry into the service, which makes the latter report fall due one month after the sixty-day report.

It is not felt that within a short period of thirty days there is any material change in the status of a newly-appointed Special Agent and, therefore, the six-months report reflects little additional information than that contained in the sixty-day report. It is believed more practical to change the sixty-day report to a ninety-day one and this would coincide with the six-months report.

In the interests of economy and also in order to have a better evaluation of the Agent's work, it is recommended that the rule be changed to require a ninety-day report instead of a sixty-day, and that the ninety-day and the six-months report be one and the same.

RBH:AB

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Prepared by *hol*
Checked by *210*
Filed by:

MR. RICHARD B. HOOD

Date

October 20, 1949

Personnel Action Number

F. B. I. 10895 10895

Legal Authority

Nature of Action

MR RICHARD B. HOOD
PERIODIC PAY INCREASE

Effective : October 30, 1949

	FROM	TO
Position	Special Agent in Charge	
Grade		
Salary	G-15 \$10,900	None \$10,750
Division and Section		
Headquarters		
Appropriations	S & E, F. B. I.	S & E, F. B. I.
Departmental or Field	☐ Dept.	☒ Field

NATURE OF POSITION

a. VICE	b. ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL	c. NEW
P. C. NO.	P. C. NO.	P. C. NO.
Date of Birth		Date of Oath

REMARKS

From. under the Auto. Prom. Bill, Public Law 420 as amended 6-30-45. From. under the same Bill from \$10,305 to \$10,330 in CAF 15 eff. 12-26-48. See Comptroller General Decision No. 2-96400 dated 2-15-50. Last efficiency rating - EXCELLENT - approved Rating Committee 6-15-49.

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60 MAR 16 1950
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[Signature]

FROM
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
TO
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Memo for:

8/26/49

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy

R. B. Hood

Director's Note: The statements
of McCauley &
Roderick are
masterpieces of
equivocation,
vagueness
lack of frank-
ness. Hood

had no business to have
Agt approach authorization &
no business to have Acts [redacted]

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for any such purpose with-
out Bureau clearance." /s/H.

Refer to Serial #153-1718

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 22, 1949

To : THE DIRECTOR

From : A. ROSEN

Subject: MICHAEL "MIKEY" COHEN
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

(K. E. H. 100-2)

Recently the local authorities in Los Angeles have been subjected to considerable adverse publicity in connection with a technical surveillance which the Los Angeles Police Department maintained upon "Mickey" Cohen. An unwarranted effort was made to draw the Bureau into this situation in order to divert to us part of the unfavorable publicity.

In order that there will be no repetition of situations of this kind, it is believed necessary that specific instructions be issued to the field that no assistance, direct or indirect, be rendered to local authorities in the installation of a technical surveillance; that any information received over such a surveillance by the local authorities not be requested or accepted by a field division without specific Bureau authority and that no preliminary inquiries be made in connection with a technical surveillance contemplated by any Bureau field division until specific Bureau authorization for the surveillance has been received. An SAC letter in this regard is attached.

Attachment

GAE:LS

Director's Note: "Unfortunately it was warranted, Our SAC at S. A. was guilty of outrageous & completely irregular act on in participating in this situation" /s/H.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V. Tolson*
 FROM : N. P. Callahan *N. P. Callahan*
 SUBJECT: RICHARD B. HOOD
 Special Agent in Charge
 Los Angeles Office

DATE: March 7, 1950

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RE: UNIFORM PROMOTION

It is noted that Mr. Hood, Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Office, was promoted to Grade CAF-15, \$9975 per annum on 6-15-47. As the result of a basic salary increase, effective 7-11-48, his salary was increased to \$10,305 per annum. Effective 12-26-48 he received a \$25 increase under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act, which brought his salary to \$10,330 per annum, the maximum annual salary of Federal Employees in Grade CAF-15 at that time. As the result of a basic salary increase, effective 10-30-49, his present salary is \$10,500 per annum in GS-15.

In connection with eligibility of employees in Grade GS-15 for with-in grade promotions, a review of the decision of the Comptroller General, No. B-92400, dated February 15, 1950, clearly indicates that employees who are in grade GS-15 and who were at the top salary of \$10,330 when the Classification Act of 1949 went into effect on 10-28-49 are entitled to an additional within-grade increase to \$10,750 if their last increase was less than \$250.

The effective date of the increase is retroactive to 10-30-49.

There is attached a permanent brief of SAC Hood's file. A review reflects that letters were sent to him on numerous occasions covering various functions and matters handled by the Los Angeles Office.

The foregoing, including the attached permanent brief, is being submitted for your consideration as to the affording of the UPA increase to Mr. Hood.

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March 8, 1950

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dick:

A recent Comptroller General decision indicates that an employee who was receiving the top salary in Grade GS 15 when the Classification Act of 1949 went into effect on October 28, 1949, is entitled to an additional within grade increase if his last increase was less than \$250. In view of this decision it is with pleasure I am writing to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from \$10,500 per annum to \$10,750 per annum in Grade GS 15, effective October 30, 1949.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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CC:Mr. J. E. Edwards
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ANNUAL
REPORT OF
EFFICIENCY RATING

Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 50-R0123.

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR () SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL ()

As of 3-31-50 based on performance during period from 4-1-49 to 3-31-50

Hood, Richard B. Special Agent in Charge, CS-15
(Name of employee) (Title of position, service, and grade)

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Los Angeles Office
(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐ All others ☐
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| <p>____ (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.</p> <p>____ (2) Mechanical skill.</p> <p>____ (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.</p> <p>____ (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).</p> <p>____ (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.</p> <p>____ (6) Attention to pertinent detail.</p> <p>____ (7) Accuracy of operations.</p> <p>____ (8) Accuracy of final results.</p> <p>____ (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.</p> <p>____ (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.</p> <p>____ (11) Industry.</p> <p>____ (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.</p> <p>____ (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? <u> </u>)
(Yes or no)</p> <p>____ (14) Ability to organize his work.</p> <p>____ (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.</p> <p>____ (16) Cooperativeness.</p> <p>____ (17) Initiative.</p> <p>____ (18) Resourcefulness.</p> <p>____ (19) Dependability.</p> <p>____ (20) Physical fitness for the work.</p> | <p>____ (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.</p> <p>____ (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.</p> <p>____ (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.</p> <p>____ (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.</p> <p>____ (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.</p> <p>____ (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.</p> <p>____ (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.</p> <p>____ (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.</p> <p>____ (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.</p> <p>____ (30) Ability to make decisions.</p> <p>____ (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.</p> |
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STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

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Rating

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Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

Plus marks on all underlined elements, and check marks or better on all other elements rated.	Excellent	Rating official <u>Very Good</u>
Check marks or better on all elements rated, and plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.	Very Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and all weak performance overcompensated by outstanding performance.	Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and all weak performance not overcompensated by outstanding performance.	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by R. G. Ryan Assistant Director 3-31-50
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by R. G. Ryan Federal Bureau of Investigation 3/30/50
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating)

March 24, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter dated March 10, 1950, suggesting that the monthly checks of the stop notice index be confined to those instances where the stops have originated with the field office making the check. You point out that a monthly inspection of stop notices placed by other offices is a considerable amount of work and is of no value.

Your suggestion will be given appropriate consideration by the Bureau at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to its adoption.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

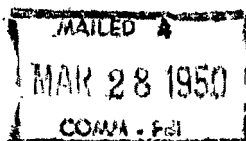
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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April 6, 1950

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dick:

The exceptionally fine work performed by Special Agent Jerome J. Daunt in connection with the location and apprehension of Fred Walter Lamm, one of the Bureau's most outstanding I. O. fugitives, is worthy of the highest commendation and, as you must know by this time, he has been promoted to grade GS 12 for his efforts.

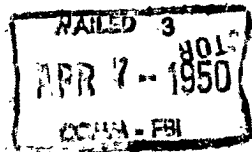
Pursuant to your recommendation, I have directed letters of commendation to the other agents of your office for the efficient manner in which they handled their assignments on this case. In addition, appropriate communications have been dispatched to Commissioner Clifford E. Peterson and Patrolman Sam H. McDaniel of the California Highway Patrol for the assistance they rendered.

I also feel that you are personally deserving of recognition for the able manner in which you handled the administrative matters pertaining to this situation, and I feel that the over-all results accomplished are attributable in no small measure to your competent leadership. I, therefore, want you to know that I feel this was a job handled in excellent fashion and you and the personnel of your office are certainly to be commended for the splendid results accomplished.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

CRD:gc



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April 12, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter dated March 30, 1950, suggesting that a separate section of the indices be set apart under the caption "Initials" and that all such index cards be filed there until the identity of the individual is known.

Your suggestion will be given appropriate attention by the Bureau at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to its adoption.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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April 12, 1950

DIRECTOR, FBI

DICTATION RATING FORMS
ADMINISTRATIVE

Reurlet March 28, 1950, requesting that the Bureau consider the matter of compiling information relative to Agents' dictation ability, and advise the Field as to the procedure to be followed in this connection.

The proposed form submitted with your letter dated March 1, 1950, and the reasons for using such a form by your office will again be considered by the Bureau at an early date. You will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to this matter.

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March 31, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated March 14, 1950, that the Bureau authorize the use of a form card by the supervisor of Confidential National Defense Informants. The form card which you suggest will supply the supervisor with a summary of information concerning the informant, the file number in which the informant reports are filed, the name of the Agent handling the informant and the status of the authorization to pay the informant.

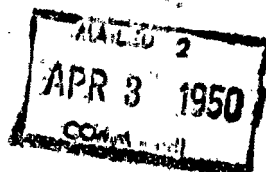
Your suggestion will be given appropriate attention by the Bureau at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to its adoption.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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April 21, 1950

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter of March 28, 1950,
concerning dictation rating forms - administrative.

The Bureau does not consider it necessary or desirable
to engage in the vast amount of paper work so that each time an
Agent dictates, a record of his dictating ability in each of these
instances be recorded and made a permanent record or even a temporary
record. It is suggested that you review the Inspectors' Manual,
page 58, as to the method of ascertaining dictation ability of
Special Agents and apply this system whenever information is desired
as to the ability of a large number of Agents or a limited number of
Agents of your office.

Those stenographers who have taken such limited dictation
that they are unable to recall the ability of the Agent should not,
of course, attempt to rate the Agent as to his dictation ability.
Of course specific inquiries are permissible for those Agents who
you have ascertained are unable to dictate satisfactorily in order
that you may provide adequate personal instruction for them in
need thereof.

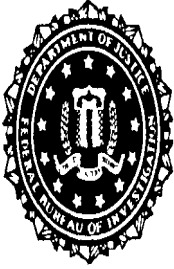
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Approved by Joint Committee, 4/18/50, Messrs. Clegg, Harbo, Scheidt
and Cornelius present.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
510 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
April 18, 1950

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very appreciative of your recommending me for an administrative raise under a recent rule of the Comptroller General that made such action possible. You may be assured of my continued vigorous efforts in behalf of the Bureau.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

RBH:AB

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

REQUEST FOR MAIL COVER
FORM FD-115

March 27, 1950

Reurlet March 10, 1950, containing the suggestion that on the next reprinting of the above form, there be included instructions to the Postmaster that the form can be either destroyed or returned upon expiration of the cover.

Inasmuch as you have pointed out that existing Post Office regulations prevent the destruction of this mail cover request for a two-year period unless specifically authorized by the agency making the request, consideration will be given this suggestion at the time of the next reprinting of this particular form. Your suggestion in this respect is appreciated.

CDM:jmf

Division 6 has no objections to this suggestion and when the next requisition is received for reprinting of this form, the suggestion will be submitted.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 6, 1950

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: SUGGESTION - # 3 Cards

It has been noted that the number three cards, which are currently being destroyed after one day's use, are frequently used only on one side, and a fresh card used the next day.

It is suggested that if these cards were retained and used for two days before being destroyed, the cost of number three cards would be cut almost in half.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: Radio Program "DRAGNET"

DATE: January 12, 1950

You will recall the background of this program, wherein Dutch Ellis stated that Ben Few and he wanted to have a tribute to a graduate of the FBI NA at the end of the program. This was followed by an outburst on the part of two sergeants in the Los Angeles Police Department. We told Hood to take it up with General Worton. The first two programs carried very excellent tributes. The reference to the FBI NA has been dropped in subsequent programs, although they used the name of Chief Peterson on the last program.

At the time Hood took the matter up with General Worton, Worton asked if he would not write the chief a letter, which the chief could then refer to. I told Hood this would be satisfactory. Under date of December 14, General Worton wrote Mr. Hood that the two sergeants deny making the remarks attributed to them; that he, the General, has the greatest respect for the FBI; that he will not countenance derogatory remarks about the Bureau. The General then transmitted a letter and a telegram which had been signed by Homer Canfield, program manager, Western Network, NBC, in Los Angeles. General Worton emphasized in his letter the statements made by Canfield do not have the approval of the Los Angeles Police Department.

One of the communications from Canfield, dated November 29, is addressed to Mitchell Benson, program department, NBC, New York City. This is attached. In this letter he points out that the tribute to the FBI NA graduate is dangerous and then he develops some rather unique reasoning; that it is a threat to their relationship with the Los Angeles Police Department and other police departments; that there are 4,000 officers in the Los Angeles Police Department and only two graduates of the National Academy. He then cites San Francisco and states it is unfair to dedicate the tribute to a graduate of the National Academy on each program because this would be like a program dedicated to successful businessmen and then paying a tribute only to college graduates. In his teletype, Canfield states that the Los Angeles Police Department feels that this would make for bad relations on their part with other police departments and that he is not at all sure they can continue to have the Los Angeles Police Department's support. He concludes by stating

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cc: Mr. Clegg

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

January 12, 1950

it is to be understood this is not an expression of resentment against the FBI by the Los Angeles Police Department.

In his letter of December 8, 1949, to General Worton, Canfield refers to a meeting on November 29; that at no time during this meeting was there any adverse comment made against the Bureau; that with reference to the tributes Canfield states, "I did not think it wise policy on NBC's part to restrict tributes to only graduates of the FBI NA."

I tried to see Ellis about this when I was in New York on December 30. I talked to him on the phone last Friday. He had not been following the program but assumed the account executives were carrying out the initial directives. I told him about the Canfield letter, the Canfield wire, and the General Worton letter. I told him that, as he recalled, they solicited us and it was their idea to use a tribute; that we had granted this approval primarily on the basis of friendship for him and Ben ~~Few~~ of the Liggett and Myers Company; that, however, we did not desire to have them embarrassed, even though they are buying the program from NBC and paying their money for it, by insisting on the tribute, and that I was inclined to the view that if it was felt the tribute should not be given that we should forthwith withdraw our approval. He insisted that we not do this but give him a chance to look into it further.

Ellis called me Tuesday night and stated he had not had a chance to call back because of the uproar that had been created; that Liggett and Myers was a big purchaser of radio time; that they were not going to permit NBC to tell them what would be on their programs or would not be on their programs; that it appears that the source of all the difficulty is [redacted]

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Subsequently, Dutch called back and said they had had the meeting; that they started rehashing the [redacted] whereupon he stated the FBI had been very gracious in granting permission to pay tribute to NA graduates; that the position of

April 27, 1950

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

I have been advised of the assistance rendered to [redacted] of the [redacted] by the employees of your office when he became [redacted] while on subpoena to testify in a Bureau case being tried in Los Angeles.

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The most unselfish interest and material aid given to [redacted] at that time are indeed worthy of recognition. I want to take this means of expressing my appreciation and pleasure in knowing that members of our organization stand ready to offer help in emergencies of this kind.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, N. Y.
April 21, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: CHARLES W. STICKLE, SA

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Dear Sir:

I thought the Bureau would be interested in knowing of a matter recently handled by SA Charles W. Stickle and Agents of the Los Angeles office of the Bureau which resulted in a considerable amount of good will insofar as our relations with the New York City Police Department are concerned.

In the case entitled JOSEPH GENOVESE, et al, ITSMV, Bufile #26-107579, [redacted] New York City Police Department, was subpoenaed as a witness to testify in the U. S. District Court at Los Angeles. SA Stickle was also a witness at this trial. After [redacted] had testified, he became very ill, whereupon SA Stickle immediately took all steps possible to see that he received proper care. He first put [redacted] to bed, then contacted the SAC at Los Angeles to arrange to try to get a doctor. [redacted] was at that time in a very low condition, his pulse being imperceptible and it was necessary for him to be given four blood transfusions. [redacted] was charged \$100 for these transfusions but in the meantime four Agents from the Los Angeles office replenished the supply to the blood bank, as a result of which the \$100 charged [redacted] will be refunded to him. Inasmuch as [redacted] has been very cooperative with the office and is well liked by the Agents who have had occasion to work with him, the New York office at Stickle's suggestion also sent flowers to [redacted] while he was in the hospital at Los Angeles, SAC Hood of the Los Angeles office took a personal interest in [redacted] condition and this office received a daily teletype from Los Angeles regarding [redacted] condition, as a result of which it was possible to keep his wife and the [redacted] of the Police Department informed as to his progress.

After some days in the hospital, [redacted] had improved sufficiently for him to be returned to New York. Upon his arrival here he telephoned the office and expressed his deep thanks for the help which he had received. He further advised that he was being placed in a hospital here. It is understood that he is suffering from some type of ailment affecting the blood corpuscles.

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cc-Los Angeles, Enclosures

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The New York office has received a call from the Chief Surgeon's office of the New York City Police Department, offering to return the blood that the Agents at Los Angeles had donated, but he was told that this would not be necessary as the Agents had been glad to donate this blood to [redacted] as a friend.

I am just in receipt of a letter dated April 19, 1950, from Police Commissioner William P. O'Brien, copies of which are being furnished herewith to the Bureau and the Los Angeles office, in which the Police Commissioner expresses his gratitude for the assistance rendered to [redacted].

Because of the active interest and efforts of SA Stickle in this matter and the resultant good will which this created with the New York City Police Department, it is recommended that a letter of commendation be addressed by the Director to SA Stickle. It is also recommended that a similar communication be addressed to SAC Hood regarding his efforts and those of the Los Angeles Agents who rendered assistance in this matter.

I have replied to Commissioner O'Brien's letter, and am enclosing a copy of my reply. However, I suggest that the Bureau also address a communication to him in response to his letter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ EDWARD SCHEIDT

May 9, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated April 24, 1950, regarding plastic covers for signs or labels, such as "Incoming Mail," "Dictation" and "Signature Mail."

Your suggestion will be considered by the Bureau at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to its adoption.

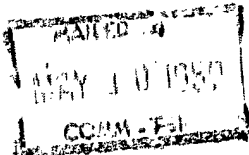
I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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United States Department of Justice
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Washington, D. C.



Director
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY-ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Chief Clerk of the FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

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Address 731 South Baldwin Avenue, Temple City, California

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name HILDA F. HOOD Relationship Wife Date 3-20-50

Address 731 South Baldwin Avenue, Temple City, California

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Hoover
Special Agent

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Mr. Richard B. Hood,
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Los Angeles

June 30, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

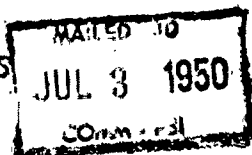
Dear Sir:

I want to express my extreme displeasure at the manner in which the Los Angeles Office conducted the inquiry concerning Donald Gratz. The original instructions to the Los Angeles Office were that an endeavor be made to locate this young man and that certainly your office should have developed its own line of inquiry, and by no means have contacted another governmental agency.

It is desired that in the future more care be exercised in conducting inquiries in matters of this kind.

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July 10, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated June 29, 1950, concerning consolidation of files under Section 6-I(4) of the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

The Bureau now has under consideration a suggestion to extend the provision of the above manual section to all classifications other than security and related cases. Such consolidation is now being undertaken in one division on an experimental basis in order that a complete study and analysis can be made.

Upon completion of the study and analysis, you will be advised if the Bureau considers it appropriate to extend the provisions of the above manual section to additional classifications.

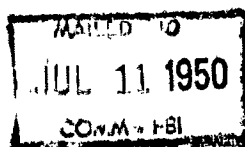
I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director, FBI

May 17, 1950

SAC, Los Angeles

SUGGESTION

In order to save time and materials by eliminating the preparation of unnecessary copies of reports, it is recommended that whenever a closing or RUC report is prepared by an office, only one copy of the report be prepared for the office submitting it. This will save materials, filing space, and will aid in the destruction of surplus serial project.

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May 23, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated May 17, 1950, concerning report writing.

Your suggestion will be given consideration by the Bureau at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to its adoption.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES
SUBJECT: SUGGESTION

DATE: APRIL 24, 1950

66-2394-417
It is suggested that the Bureau consider having prepared in Washington or permitting the Field to obtain on a local basis plastic covers for the various signs or labels affixed to boxes, etc. such as "Incoming Mail", "Dictation" and "Signature Mail".

Experience has shown that these signs become very soiled and unsightly when they are covered with cellophane or scotch tape. The plastic covering seals the sign, preventing deterioration, and a considerable saving would eventually be made. Several of these covers were obtained locally in Los Angeles at personal expense and they add considerably to the appearance of the boxes on which they were used.

I believe that all offices could obtain them for less than 50¢ each.

RBH:CMF

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES
SUBJECT: INDEXING

DATE: MARCH 30, 1950

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R. B. Hood sugg. #445
A situation arises frequently in which the problem of indexing initials comes up and it is requested that the Bureau establish a uniform procedure for the indexing of initials.

66-5744-347
For example, occasionally highly confidential sources or confidential informants furnish photographic copies of lists of Communist Party members or of Party records of transfers of individuals in which the individuals' names are not given. I have before me two such itmes in which the list simply notes that T-----B-----was transferred as number 452C; and that B-----T----- of Juarez has requested that he be dropped from the party.

It is felt that these same initials may show up in other records and of course it would be important to have the two records brought together.

The suggestion has been made that a separate section of the indices be set apart under the caption "Initials" and that all such index cards be filed there until the identity of the individual is known.

The Bureau's suggestion in this matter will be appreciated.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 28, 1950

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: DICTATION RATING FORMS
ADMINISTRATIVE

Remylet 3-1-50 captioned as above, and Bureau reply of 3-15-50, advising that it is not believed desirable to establish any type of form for the purpose of recording dictation comments concerning Agent.

66-2488-112 ✓

It is requested that the Bureau consider the matter of compiling information relative to Agents' dictation ability and advise the field as to the procedure to be followed in this connection. It is of no particular problem in a small office where Agents are dictating to only a few stenographers, for at any time an Agent's report is due, it is very easy to obtain the necessary information from them. In a large office such as this, however, where an Agent may dictate to as many as twenty different stenographers during a rating period and never more than once to any one of them, and where the stenographers are taking dictation from over two hundred Agents, it is obviously impossible for them to make any estimate of an Agent's ability unless some record is kept as the dictation is received. It was for this purpose that the suggested form was recommended to the Bureau.

It is not a matter of accepting this particular form, but since official records obviously must be kept to do it satisfactorily, it was felt that this was one suggested method and since the Bureau does not desire it be followed, please advise what system is recommended.

REH:AB

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3-28-50

W. R. GLAVIN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

FBI, WASHINGTON, D. C.

PERSONAL

Dear Dick,

I have often noticed that in sending out letters to the Field that will go into personnel files the Bureau does not send but one copy, even though more than one Agent is mentioned in the communication, and this requires us to do more typing.

A good example here was the letter from the United States Attorney in New York City to the Bureau dated March 7, 1950 re "U. S. vs GILLETTE, ET AL," where he referred to the work of SAs A. S. ROSE and HOWARD ZELLERS of this office. We had to copy the 1½ page letter in order to get one more copy for the personnel file.

I know the Bureau tries to get the Field to send in enough copies, and thought you would like to follow through on the other end if it were called to your attention.

Best regards to the family!

Sincerely,

/s/ Dick

R. B. HOOD
SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 24, 1950

FROM : W. R. Glavin

SUBJECT:

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Reference is made to the attached teletype received from SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Office requesting permission to attend the funeral services for Inspector Gurnea in Oregon.

I spoke to Mr. Hood, while discussing other matters with him, on Monday, August 21st, and pointed out the undesirability of a number of our men proceeding to Oregon for the funeral, since we had such a tremendous amount of work on hand at this time.

He was in agreement with me and stated he would not go.

Attachment

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REQUEST PERMISSION TO ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR INSPECTOR GURNEA IN
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memo Mr. Tolson
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[Signature]

September 26, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Today I saw Special Agent in Charge R. B. Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division. Mr. Hood is one of the oldest SAC's and is matured and makes an excellent personal appearance.

He advised me that the stenographic situation in his office was current but that the investigative delinquency was mounting and was now 30%. I told him I was particularly concerned about this and wanted every effort made to correct the same if possible. I told him of course it would necessitate a recruitment of Special Agent applicant personnel as all SAC's had to give this situation their personal attention so as to supply the necessary manpower in order to keep abreast of the investigative delinquency.

I pointed out to him the necessity of giving very careful attention to coverage such as the confidential informants, both in the criminal and subversive fields, and to endeavor to stress quality rather than quantity in such covers. I told him I wanted him to be particularly conservative in the installation of technical surveillances. I told him while I did not want to sacrifice security in any way, I did not want surveillances to be recommended unless they were imperatively necessary and would be really productive.

I mentioned to him the trend in California of legislation, local and state, dealing with Communist activities, espionage and sabotage, and suggested to him that he do everything possible, confidentially, to put a brake on this trend for if continued it no doubt would seriously interfere with our responsibilities.

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Very truly yours,

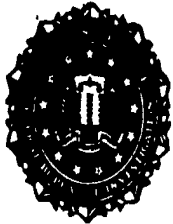
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice
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Director
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Name Hilda F. Hood Relationship Wife Date August 14, 1950
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Very truly yours,

Richard B. Hood
Special Agent

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Dick:

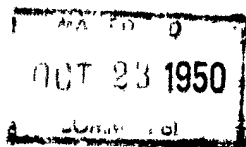
I want to offer you my sincere thanks because of your valuable services and your hard work and important contributions to the Bureau's interests during the course of the IACP Convention recently held at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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I fully appreciate the difficulties of such an assignment and the demands that are made upon the Bureau's personnel who are in attendance, and I wanted to let you know that I am grateful for the services which you rendered which contributed so much toward the promotion of the Bureau's interests and the realization of its objectives at this convention. 34

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated October 10, 1950, regarding source of information cards.

Your suggestion will be considered by the Bureau at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to its adoption.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion concerning the work of the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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900 Security Building
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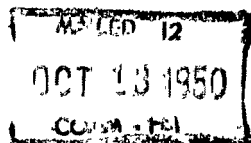
The suggestions which you made to Mr. A. H. Belmont recently while you were in Washington are being given careful consideration by the Bureau. You will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to the adoption of your suggestions.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting these suggestions to the Bureau concerning a very important phase of our work.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

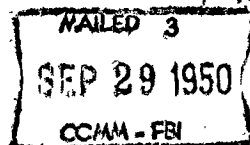
The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated September 12, 1950, regarding the Monthly Administrative Report.

Your suggestion will be considered by the Bureau at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to its adoption.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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November 14, 1950

Mr. Richard R. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The splendid manner in which the Bank Robbery case involving James George Lavelle was handled in your Division has been brought to my personal attention.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and commendation to you and to the Special Agents in the Los Angeles Office who assisted in the location, apprehension and interrogation of this subject. The extremely expeditious way in which this case was concluded, is indeed worthy of highest praise.

Sincerely, *350-8-356*
J. Edgar Hoover

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November 8, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated November 3, 1950, that a form be used for recording telephone messages.

This suggestion has previously been submitted to the Bureau and was given careful consideration. It is not felt that the use of such a form is warranted and it was not adopted.

I do desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting suggestions concerning the work of the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director, FBI

October 10, 1950

SAC, Los Angeles

SOURCE OF INFORMATION CARDS

At the present time, under Bureau requirements, the indices in the field office contain an index card with the name and a notation that the individual is a source of information, in those instances where this is the case. At the same time there is maintained a separate card on the same person in the source of information file.

In those instances where a source of information is cancelled at a later date, since the card is destroyed which was maintained in the source of information file, there is no record in the office of the individual except in the indices, which shows only that he was a source of information. If he was exceptionally valuable as such, or if there is any inquiry from another office at a later date concerning this individual, we are not able to advise them anything about him to substantiate or disprove this statement, and it might well be that he was dropped because of something derogatory of a personal nature that was learned concerning him.

It is recommended that there be some sort of permanent record in the office, and, without doing any additional work, that whenever a source of information card is removed from the source of information file, it be placed in the main office indices. Then there will be a permanent record of the nature of his information, when he served as a source, the name of the Agent who developed or handled him, etc. The original index card could then be destroyed.

It is recommended that the Bureau authorize this procedure in the Field.

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Good Samaritan Hospital
1212 Shatto Street
Los Angeles, California

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Dear Dick:

I have been keeping in touch with the office in Los Angeles as to your condition but just wanted to drop you this personal note to tell you to forget entirely about the office and free your mind from any worries whatsoever about your work. I hope you will follow the doctor's advice implicitly, not only so your recovery will be successful and rapid but so you also can get in a bit of well-deserved rest while you are there. I have been very pleased to hear that you are coming along so well and if there is anything at all that I can do to assist you don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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December 14, 1950

Mr. [unclear]
W. [unclear]
K. [unclear]

Dear Dick:

I have just received your letter and am sorry to learn of your physical condition and want to urge that you not delay too long in correcting this. You should feel free to take whatever time is necessary and I would appreciate your letting me know if there is anything at all I can do to assist you in any way.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

(9) J. Edgar Hoover
Mailed by the Director

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

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SAC, Los Angeles

December 4, 1950

Director, FBI

Audrey A. Dunbar
Bonnie L. Eastman
Stenographers

The Bureau desires an explanation from you for your failure to submit six month Reallocation reports on the above-named Stenographers. These reports were due on October 30, 1950, and your office was reminded by the Bureau on November 17, 1950, to submit these, but failed to do so.

These reports along with your explanation should be submitted immediately, and in the future the Bureau desires efficiency reports be submitted in every case when due or an explanation sent to the Bureau as to why such reports cannot be submitted.

DEC 13 1950

CC - Mr. W. S. Hyde

CC- Personnel file of SAC R. B. Hood

November 27, 1950

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter of August 22, 1950, suggesting that a 3x5 card be placed under the Acco fastener on top of each file cover when the file pertains to a security index subject.

The opinions of several Agents in Charge were requested relative to your suggestion. The Bureau, after considering these several opinions, feels that the disadvantages to such a suggestion at the present time outweigh the advantages. The suggestion, therefore, is not being adopted.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

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January 13, 1951

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I received your communication of December 27, 1950, in which you point out the difficulties of the Los Angeles Office in maintaining adequate statistics for the first four months of the current fiscal year. Frankly, I consider your explanation entirely inadequate and an improper approach to a specific problem which confronts all of our divisional offices. If the attitude expressed in your communication were adopted by the rest of our divisional offices, it would be impossible for the Bureau to discharge its many responsibilities. It is impossible for an administrator and executive of this Bureau to approach a problem with an entirely negative attitude when positive and concrete action is required.

I well realize that there has been a tremendous increase in the work of the Bureau in the past seven months and I am well aware that there has been an increase in all types of activity, including applicant investigations. Nevertheless, this Bureau is charged with a specific responsibility in the criminal field and it is incumbent upon all of us to meet this responsibility with the personnel and equipment at hand. You have cited some statistics which I feel indicate that you are not aware of the problems confronting the Bureau on a nation-wide basis and you have endeavored to limit them to your specific office.

As a matter of information, in December of 1949, your office, with the case load pending at that time and considering the Special Agent personnel available for investigative work in the field, was entitled to a proportionate quota of 255 Special Agents. Based on the same data for the month of December, 1950, your office would be entitled to a Special Agent complement of 235. You have indicated that you now have 249 Special Agents assigned to your division and you can well appreciate, therefore, that your office enjoys more than its proportionate share of Special Agents. This means that other offices are successfully discharging their responsibilities with less than a proportionate share in order that offices such as the Los Angeles Office can enjoy a greater percentage of personnel than the case load would seemingly indicate.

There is a common respect with respect to this matter which I feel I should call to your attention and that is the requirement of the

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various Special Agents in Charge to recognize the responsibilities pending in their division and to properly utilize the personnel and equipment available.

I should like to call to your attention the fact that in October, 1950, at a time that I had caused a survey to be made of the voluntary overtime performed in the various divisional offices, your office was performing a daily average of forty-eight minutes, which was far below the average being performed in other divisional offices, and it was obvious your office was not equitably sharing the work load in the field at that time. It was not until I gave impetus to various Special Agents in Charge, including yourself, that voluntary overtime shall be equitably shared in the respective offices as well as between offices that there was an improvement in the voluntary overtime being performed. Since that time I realize you have increased the voluntary overtime in the Los Angeles Division so that in November the daily average for the Agents was one hour and thirty minutes and in December, one hour and forty-four minutes. However, it is obvious you did not take the initiative in this matter.

To further assist the field in discharging its many responsibilities, I initiated the six-day week in order that experienced personnel might be utilized to assist in reducing the increasing volume of work. I also endeavored to speed up the recruiting program of the Bureau, particularly in the investigative field. However, as you well know, such a program takes time and the results are not immediately obtainable in the investigative field. As new Special Agents have completed their training courses, a proportionate share has been designated for your office. There has been a reluctance on the part of some divisional offices to assume their fair share of the recruiting of additional Special Agent personnel and I would like to receive from you without delay a report as to the number of Special Agent applicants your office has recruited since July 1, 1950. I would also like to receive from you your observations and any comments you might have as to the source from which the Bureau might obtain the fifty additional Special Agents you have requested for assignment to your division. As I have already indicated to you, your office presently enjoys a fair and proportionate share of the investigative personnel presently available in the field and other offices are equally confronted with an increased work load. Consequently, I would like to have your comments as to where the additional Agent personnel you desire can be obtained.

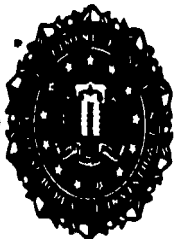
Furthermore, I would like to receive at this time a communication from you outlining in detail exactly what you are doing in a positive sense to increase the statistics in your division. If you do not have a positive program at this time, I desire that you immediately initiate one and advise me exactly what you have done in this regard. I should like to point out that other divisional offices are endeavoring to increase their statistics and have positive programs to do so

in spite of their increased work load and I am unable to conclude that the Los Angeles Division cannot adequately meet this problem in view of the response which the Bureau has received from other divisional offices. I desire that you and the Assistant Special Agent in Charge afford this matter your prompt personal attention and as I have indicated, submit to me without delay a positive program for action for the remainder of this fiscal year to increase the statistics in your division. I will not tolerate a smug shedding of all responsibility for meeting this problem.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.



Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of \$10, payable to the Chief Clerk of the FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Hilda F. Hood Relationship Wife Date 20 FEB 26 1951

Address 5109 North Baldwin Avenue, Temple City, California

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Hilda F. Hood Relationship Wife Date 1/18/51

Address 5109 North Baldwin Avenue, Temple City, California

Very truly yours,

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Richard B. Hood
Special Agent

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DIRECTOR URGENT

Handwritten: R. B. HOOD, ADMINISTRATIVE. ENTERING SICK LEAVE ONE PM THIS
DATE. J. C. ELLSWORTH IN CHARGE.

16 JAN 22 1951
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HOLD LINE PLS

Called
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By *[Signature]*

January 13, 1951

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of your suggestion dated December 12, 1950, concerning the Bureau's work.

Your suggestion will be considered by the Bureau at an early date, and you will be advised in the event favorable action is taken with reference to its adoption.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion to the Bureau.

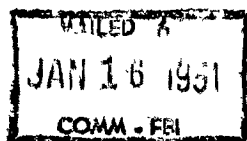
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 5, 1951

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ASAC Ellsworth called from Los Angeles and advised that SAC R.B. Hood had come off the operating table about an hour previously (12:05 their time) and that from all indications the operation was very successful and everything was going along fine and Hood is in very good spirits. I told Ellsworth I knew you would be very much interested and that I knew you wanted everything done that was possible for Mr. Hood's convenience and comfort.

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Mr. Tolson ☒
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California
December 18, 1950

Mr. Tolson	/
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 14, 1950, and your offer to be of assistance. I will keep you fully advised as to my progress and estimated time that I will be away from work.

On December 15 I again consulted my physician, Dr. Kenneth E. Smiley, and arrangements were completed for me to enter the Good Samaritan Hospital on January 4, 1951. Dr. Smiley's wife passed away within the past week and he is going to be absent from the city for a while, and this was the first date that he could arrange to accommodate me.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

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R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
December 11, 1950

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Intermittently over a period of months I have been annoyed with a rectal condition and have been receiving treatments from Dr. Kenneth E. Smiley, who specializes in this work.

I have another appointment with him within the next week, but on the occasion of my last visit he informed me that treatment appears to produce no permanent cure and he recommends that in the immediate future I undergo surgery to correct the condition. Accordingly, I plan to do so as soon as possible after January 1, 1951. I will probably be away from work for two to three weeks.

As soon as definite arrangements are completed, I will advise you.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

March 28, 1951

Transmit the following message to:

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

R. B. Hood

SUTEL WHEN REPORT ON YOUR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: December 21, 1950

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R.R.
I called SAC Hood in Los Angeles and advised him of the Director's embarrassment this morning when the Director was advised that [REDACTED] had been deferred. I told Mr. Hood that the Director was very much disappointed that his contacts were not of a nature which would have caused him to be advised of this action, and then Hood in turn could have advised the Director.

Mr. Hood stated that he was as surprised as the Director was, that he had not heard of this until I told him of it; that he did not know how it came about; that Colonel Leitch had been adamant on the point and stated it was up to the local board. The local board had in turn been adamant and stated they would not take any action. Mr. Hood further stated that [REDACTED] had contacted him by telephone on Monday, December 18th, and at that time was expecting to be inducted on Wednesday, [REDACTED] told him he had wired Colonel Leitch and had been referred back to the local board. Mr. Hood stated the relationship with Colonel Leitch had not been good in view of the Bureau's investigation of him. He stated he did not ask the local board to advise him since the local board was upset over [REDACTED]

I told Mr. Hood he was not to do anything or make any contacts but I was merely passing on the Director's observations.

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Hood should have kept in touch with the developments.
Copy this memo should be placed in his personnel file. T.

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April 4, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On April 2 I saw Special Agent in Charge Richard B. Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division. Mr. Hood makes an excellent personal appearance.

I discussed with Mr. Hood the situation as pertains to the Attorney General of California, Mr. Brown, and cautioned him that while we had approved his attendance and the attendance of SAC Kimball at the zone conference of the law enforcement officers being conducted by Attorney General Brown I did not want any close or intimate association established with Attorney General Brown because of his rather questionable reputation and his bringing into his office as his principal assistant a lawyer from Los Angeles by the name of O'Connor with whose activities we are more than familiar.

I also discussed with Mr. Hood the mistakes which have been made in the handling of various code messages recently, and cautioned him that he must take corrective steps to be sure there will be no recurrence.

I discussed the bad record of overtime in his office last October and pointed out that it was he who also asked shortly thereafter for fifty more agents to be assigned to Los Angeles, and I frankly felt if the personnel of the Los Angeles Office showed more industry and interest in their work than that reflected by the low overtime he would not need additional personnel to the extent which he requested.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Tolson
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DIRECTOR DEFERRED

RETEL MARCH TWENTY EIGHTH. MY PHYSICAL EXAMINATION WAS POSTPONED
BECAUSE OF OPERATION AND WAITING UNTIL PERSONAL PHYSICIAN
RELEASED ME. ANTICIPATE EXAMINATION WILL BE TAKEN ABOUT MIDDLE
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MR. RICHARD E. 2000

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(Check applicable box in case of excess LWOP)

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Initials of Clerk

STANDARD FORM NO. 1126d

Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S.
Feb. 3, 1950, General Regulations No. 102

PAY ROLL CHANGE SLIP—PERSONNEL COPY

SAC, LOS ANGELES

April 23, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

CONFIDENTIAL PLANT INFORMANTS

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Reurmemo dated April 13, 1951, concerning [redacted]
[redacted]

It is noted that your first contact with [redacted] occurred on February 15, 1951. At that time, for reasons of his own, he advised that he did not desire your office to develop plant informants at [redacted]. In spite of that notification, your office has persisted in trying to argue [redacted] out of his position which has merely aggravated the situation.

You were advised in SAC Letter No. 62, Series 1950, dated August 31, 1950, as follows: "In the event any plant official proves to be uncooperative in making available the records regarding employees in a plant, the interview with him should be immediately discontinued and the Bureau promptly advised by letter of his uncooperative attitude. You should continue, however, your efforts to develop confidential plant informants in the plant in question without the cooperation of plant officials using whatever sources are available to you in order to secure the names of prospective plant informants." The above instructions plainly point out what action should be taken when an individual such as [redacted] refuses to cooperate with the Bureau. Your office has obviously been derelict in following existing instructions and as a consequence a considerable amount of time and effort has been wasted. In the future when similar circumstances develop, no attempt should be made to argue the matter and you should proceed to develop informants without the cooperation of the plant management. You and the personnel in your office are expected to exercise good judgment in these matters in the future.

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MR. TOLSON NOTATION, "Place copy in personnel file of SAC."

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May 9, 1951

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

RE: ~~WENDELL LEE~~ CLAYBAUGH
Security Patrol Clerk

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a communication dated May 5, 1951, which the above employee addressed to me concerning his desire to be given consideration for the position of Special Agent Accountant in the Bureau.

The attached letter is self-explanatory. I desire that immediately upon receipt of this communication you submit to me without delay your comments with respect to the various matters set forth by Mr. Claybaugh. I note he makes reference to a clash of personalities and I would like to have this fully explained in your communication to me. I would also like to have you fully explain your failure to promptly afford Mr. Claybaugh an interview during the recent inspection of the Los Angeles Division and why you did not make arrangements to have Mr. Claybaugh interviewed by an Inspector concerning his desire to be considered for the position of Special Agent Accountant in the Bureau. I am further desirous of receiving your comments with respect to the other statements made by Mr. Claybaugh concerning his qualifications for the position of Special Agent in the Bureau, as well as his reference to your comments concerning the selection of personnel for the Special Agent position in the Bureau. At the same time you should submit in detail your evaluation of this employee's qualifications for the position of Special Agent and your specific recommendation in this regard. *364X*

As I have indicated, I am desirous of your *copying* this matter your immediate personal attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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It is noted that during the inspection of the Los Angeles Office, Claybaugh was interviewed on March 15, 1951 by Inspector's Aide Charles B. Flack. Mr. Flack's interview stated as follows: "Mr. Claybaugh dresses in good taste, expresses an interest in the work and aspires at becoming a Special Agent. He is studying accounting. He is an average conversationalist and appears somewhat immature for his 29 years."

The Acting Chief Clerk who submitted the writeup for the SAC rated Claybaugh Very Good and said he was a good consistent worker, used good judgment, was serious and mature. He does an average amount of work with average accuracy.

From the inspection writeup it is apparent therefore that Claybaugh was not interviewed or given any consideration for the Special Agent position at that time apparently due to the fact he was not to receive his degree until June.

SAC, Los Angeles

June 6, 1951

Director, FBI

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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The Bureau has not received the results of
your regular Naval fitness-for-duty physical examination.

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SAC, Los Angeles

May 31, 1951

Director, FBI

WENDELL LEE CLAYBAUGH
Security Patrol Clerk

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Enclosed herewith is a letter to the captioned employee advising him that you will discuss with him in further detail the question of his qualifications for the position of Special Agent. A copy of this letter is also enclosed for your information.

You are instructed to advise him in detail of your reasons for recommending him unfavorably at this time and to clarify your position concerning those statements wherein he quoted you inaccurately in his letter to the Bureau of May 5, 1951. The Bureau should be informed when this has been done.

Your attention is directed to the fact that you had failed previously to report your observations concerning the appearance and traits of this employee. These matters should have been called to the Bureau's attention for its information in connection with his advancement and promotion in the Bureau's service. This type of information should normally be reviewed and reported by cover letter at the time you submit your Reports of Performance Rating.

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May 31, 1951

Mr. Wendell L. Claybaugh
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 5, 1951 has been reviewed by the Bureau and inquiry has been made into the matters you mentioned. Your Special Agent in Charge will in the immediate future discuss with you in further detail the question of your qualifications for the position of Special Agent.

The comments on this subject in your letter are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: SAC Hood (~~Confidential~~)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

(DATE: May 22, 1951)

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: WENDELL LEE CLAYBAUGH
Security Patrol Clerk
Los Angeles Office
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The captioned employee is a veteran and is presently serving as a Security Patrol Clerk in the Los Angeles Office. In a letter to the Director, dated May 5, 1951, he sets forth several allegations which he felt indicate that SAC Hood was not giving fair and impartial consideration to his proposed application for the position of Special Agent and requested he be interviewed by some Bureau official other than SAC Hood.

Claybaugh has not actually submitted a formal application to date.

EMPLOYEE'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SAC HOODAllegation #1

Claybaugh stated that his personality and SAC Hood's had clashed at various times during his employment. He pointed out that on March 24, 1951, he advised SAC Hood that he would graduate at the end of the current school term and requested information concerning the recommendation SAC Hood would make with reference to his application for appointment as a Special Agent. At that time SAC Hood stated he would have to review Claybaugh's personnel file before rendering an opinion and he requested the employee to call again in a few days. Three days later Claybaugh stated he was advised by SAC Hood that he had been too busy with the inspection to give his request any thought and he requested that he call back on Saturday, March 31. Claybaugh stated that he intended to consult Inspector Naughten about his problem in the event SAC Hood indicated that he would recommend him unfavorably. However, on March 30, Inspector Naughten and his aides left Los Angeles. Claybaugh stated that he feels it was probably a coincidence that SAC Hood chose March 31 for the occasion to render his decision; however, this postponement did prevent him from discussing this matter with Inspector Naughten.

Answer of SAC Hood

SAC Hood made the following comments concerning Claybaugh's statements above: "I have no feeling of animosity whatever toward this employee and he has had exactly the same consideration given to any other employee in a similar position. No doubt what he calls a clash of personalities re-

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fers to instances when it has been necessary for me to criticize him rather severely for matters in connection with his work." SAC Hood further stated that while Claybaugh was on the 4:00 PM to midnight shift, he was criticized with other employees on the shift for derelictions of duty and on several occasions he was privately informed that certain phases of his work were displeasing. One such instance is set out in a letter to the Bureau, dated February 23, 1949, when it was noted that Claybaugh, with others, was criticized for making errors in the transmission of telemeter messages. Claybaugh's particular errors were attributed to carelessness on his part. SAC Hood noted in his letter that he had called Claybaugh's errors to his attention and advised him that it would be necessary for him to improve the quality of the telemeter messages he transmitted in the future.

On the day Claybaugh made his initial request, March 24, 1951, SAC Hood was engaged in other duties and since there were things in the employee's file he wanted to consider, he told the employee to see him again about this matter within a few days. As he recalled it the specific day of March 31, was set for him to return. At that time Claybaugh did not indicate that he proposed to take the matter up with the Inspector if the recommendation was unfavorable. Furthermore, SAC Hood stated he did not know when Inspector Naughten intended to leave Los Angeles, therefore, he had no way of knowing at this time that Claybaugh would not be able to discuss his problem with the Inspector if he cared to. In addition, Claybaugh previously had an opportunity to talk to an Inspector's aide at which time he could have raised any problems which he felt required the personal attention of the Inspector.

Allegation #2

Claybaugh stated that SAC Hood advised him he would find it necessary to recommend him unfavorably. He gave as his reasons personal appearance unbecoming to a Special Agent and mannerisms which do not create a good first impression. He stated SAC Hood specifically objected to his teeth and the manner in which he moved his face while talking. Claybaugh stated that he agreed that his teeth were not his best asset, appearance wise, but upon advice of his dentist certain teeth had been removed, allowing others to spread thus avoiding excessive decay. He claims his teeth have received constant care and are at present in perfect condition. With regard to the manner in which he moved his face while talking, Claybaugh stated he does not believe that SAC Hood has any basis for this criticism. He sets forth information concerning compliments which he received on the ease with which he was able to meet strangers and his ability to make friends and he expressed the belief that Supervisors J. Wright Brown and Carroll Doyle, who were formally assigned to the Los Angeles Office and are now at the Seat of Government, would substantiate his claims as to poise, personality and appearance.

Answer of SAC Hood

SAC Hood sets forth the following reasons as the basis for his unfavorable recommendation:

1. The employee has never received an Excellent rating for the performance of his duties as a clerical employee.

2. The employee's teeth are bad and detract from his appearance.

3. The employee has a nervous movement with his mouth and was advised specifically that this movement did detract from his appearance and would have to be considered in making a recommendation.

4. The employee lacks ambition. This opinion is based on the fact that at the time he was offered an opportunity for advancement from GS-3 on the midnight to 8:00 AM shift to GS-4 on the 4:00 PM to midnight shift, he stated that he did not wish to assume charge of other employees and he preferred the midnight to 8:00 AM shift in order to spend more time in school.

5. The employee has appeared thin skinned in receiving criticism; however, he never said or did anything which would indicate an unwholesome attitude because of criticism. He also has a tendency to be strongheaded, is conceited and has a false impression of his abilities. SAC Hood offers as an example of the latter criticisms, the employee's comments in his letter of May 5, 1951, which are discussed herein.

6. Over a period of a year and a half the employee has had a greater than average amount of sick leave. With reference to this item, SAC Hood stated that he did not mean to infer that this sick leave was not necessary or that it was improper in any way.

The records of the Leave Section reflect that Claybaugh had 7 days and 7 hours sick leave in 1950, and 4 days and 3 hours sick leave through May 12, 1951.

Comments of Supervisor J. Wright Brown

Supervisor J. Wright Brown of the Security Division, whom Claybaugh said would substantiate his comments about poise, personality and appearance, advised that he knew Claybaugh very casually as a clerk in the Los Angeles Office. Brown stated that Claybaugh never worked under his supervision, therefore, he had no occasion to closely evaluate his appearance or ability. He does not recall the appearance of his teeth or any other specific factors concerning this employee that would be pertinent. Furthermore, Brown stated that he is not in a position to render an opinion concerning Claybaugh's qualifications for the position of Special Agent.

Comments of Supervisor Carroll Doyle

Supervisor Carroll Doyle of the Security Division, whom Claybaugh

stated was also in a position to render an opinion concerning his appearance, advised that he had only a vague recollection of this employee. He feels that he is not qualified to give an opinion regarding his appearance or qualifications for the position of Special Agent.

Comments of SA C. B. Flack

SA C. B. Flack assisted Inspector Naughten in the inspection of the Los Angeles Office and in his capacity of Inspector's aide interviewed Claybaugh. In the report of the inspection of the Los Angeles Office, the following comment is made by Flack: Mr. Claybaugh dresses in good taste. He is an average conversationalist and appears somewhat immature for his 29 years.

Allegation #3

Claybaugh alleged that when he asked whether an accounting degree would not be more useful in the Bureau than commerce, science or liberal arts, SAC Hood stated that in Bureau work very little need existed for accountants and that they, as a rule, did not make efficient, all-round Agents.

Answer of SAC Hood

SAC Hood stated that he informed Claybaugh that an accounting degree is of no more benefit than any other specific Bureau qualification; however, positively no statement was made that accountants do not make efficient all-round Agents.

Allegation #4

Claybaugh claimed that he asked SAC Hood whether his three and one-half years of Bureau experience should not be given consideration in regard to the Special Agent appointment. SAC Hood told him that it had been proven through experience that Bureau clerical training, although helpful to Agents at the start in understanding administrative detail, had no lasting benefit and that generally speaking former clerical employees made inferior Agents.

Answer of SAC Hood

SAC Hood advised that he informed Claybaugh that Bureau experience is definitely of value to a clerical employee on the latter's becoming an Agent, but he was assured that merely being a clerical employee did at no time give assurance that the clerical employee would become an Agent. He was informed that it could be a detriment if the employee attempted to fall back on his previous record of Bureau employment. It was pointed out that clerical employees, simply because they were clerical employees, do not in the long run make better Agents than those with any other qualifications.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

SAC Hood stated that subsequent to the interview of March 31, 1951, he placed a memorandum in Claybaugh's personnel file reflecting the following: Claybaugh was advised that he would not be recommended for the position of Special Agent at this time in view of his personal appearance and he stated that when he finished school in June he would probably seek other employment. He was advised that if he desired to take the examination for the position of Special Agent at any time he was perfectly free to do so.

Claybaugh has not taken the Agent's examination to date.

SAC Hood stated that he feels confident that the record of this employee shows that he is not qualified for the position of Special Agent; however, if the Bureau entertains any doubts relative to this, he would welcome the opportunity to make arrangements for an interview with anybody the Bureau may designate.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

It is recommended that a communication go forward to Mr. Claybaugh advising him that the Bureau has looked into this matter very carefully and has instructed his Special Agent in Charge to discuss the matter of his qualifications for appointment to the position of Special Agent in detail with him.

It is further recommended that SAC Hood be instructed to advise Claybaugh in detail concerning the reasons for his, Hood's, unfavorable recommendation of Claybaugh for appointment to the position of Special Agent at the present time.

It is also recommended that SAC Hood be advised that Claybaugh's file does not contain information reflecting his unsatisfactory physical appearance or personal traits as is reflected in Mr. Hood's communication to the Bureau under date of May 14, 1951.

A PERMANENT BRIEF OF THIS EMPLOYEE'S PERSONNEL FILE IS ATTACHED.

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Los Angeles, California
May 5, 1951

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mendell Lee Claybaugh

A sincere interest in the Federal Bureau of Investigation coupled with a desire for impartial consideration in a matter which concerns my own future brings this letter to you.

At the present time I am employed in the Los Angeles office of the FBI as a security patrol clerk, entering bureau service September 9, 1947. In June of this year I will receive a degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern California, with my major in the field of accounting. I plan to attempt the Certified Public Accountant's examination in November, 1951, and feel reasonably certain of success.

On March 24th, 1951, during the recent inspection of the Los Angeles office, I advised SA Hood of my forthcoming graduation and requested information as to his recommendations regarding my appointment as Special Agent. Realizing the personalities of Mr. Hood and myself had clashed at various times during my employment I desired the impartial opinion of Inspector Naughton if Mr. Hood's recommendations were to be unfavorable. On March 24th I was advised by Mr. Hood that "I do not know you well enough to give an opinion without reviewing your personnel file. Call again in a few days." Three days later Mr. Hood advised "I have been too busy due to the present inspection to give the matter thought. Call back Saturday, March 31st." Inspector Naughton and his assistants left Los Angeles Friday, March 30th. I realize that this timing may have been unintentional and merely coincidence and consequently do not base my appeal to you on these grounds.

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In the interim I was given a personal interview by Inspector Flack, of the San Diego field office, and advised him of my graduation in June and my intention of submitting Special Agent application. Mr. Flack gave his encouragement and counsel that "Your prior Bureau experience will prove invaluable to you both during your training period and as an agent in the field."

At the appointed time I contacted Mr. Hood and was advised that he would find it necessary to recommend unfavorably such appointment giving as his reasons "personal appearance unbecoming to a Special Agent" and "mannerisms which do not create a good first impression". Mr. Hood's specific objection was to teeth which he considered unsightly. I agreed that my teeth were not my best asset

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appearance-wise, but that upon advice of my dentist certain teeth had been removed allowing the others to spread, thus avoiding excessive decay; that my teeth had received constant care; and that they were at present in perfect condition. In regard to mannerisms of which he disapproved Mr. Hood mentioned that "I do not like the way you move your face when talking".

I believe that Mr. Hood has no basis for such statements. I am twenty-nine years of age, six feet two inches in height, weigh 170 pounds, and have an excellent health record. A one-inch surgical scar on the right side of my face, received while serving overseas in the U. S. Air Force, might be considered a defect in appearance but was not mentioned by Mr. Hood. Enclosed are photographs prepared recently for an employment brochure maintained by the University. I have been complimented many times on the ease with which I am able to meet strangers, the impression that I make, and my ability to make friends when so desired. Special Agents J. Wright Brown and Carroll Doyle, formerly of the Los Angeles office and now at SOG, I believe would further substantiate my claims as to poise, personality, and appearance.

When asked if an accounting degree was not of more utility to the FBI than the other commerce, science, and liberal arts degrees, and if it could not be considered in rendering his opinion, Mr. Hood answered that in bureau work very little need existed for accountants and that they, as a rule, did not make efficient all-round agents. The work of the FBI requires, above all, men with the ability to analyze an existing condition and arrive at a proper course of action to be taken. In my opinion, next to law, no other profession places as much emphasis on analysis and requires such straight thinking as does accounting.

When asked if my three and one-half years of Bureau experience should not be given consideration in regard to Special Agent appointment Mr. Hood replied that it had been proven through experience that clerical training, although helpful at the start in understanding administrative detail, had no lasting benefits and that generally speaking former clerical employees made inferior agents. Using the Los Angeles office as an example am I to believe that SA W. Cleon Skousen, SA Wayne Pond, SA Merle Parker, and SA Neal McGinnis, among others, are inferior agents?

Mr. Hood advised at the end of the discussion "Nothing of a personal nature enters into my decision." and "You may make application for Special Agent appointment if you so desire, such application to go on file as a matter of record at the Bureau." I cannot believe that the aforesaid views are those held by the Bureau regarding the selection of personnel.

Rather than make a futile attempt to achieve appointment as Special Agent after such a recommendation by a SAC, and realizing the undesirability of having such statements entered in my personnel record, I have withheld my application. My purpose in writing to you is to request permission to make application for Special Agent appointment through another field office and to receive a personal interview from an individual who does not hold such prejudices regarding qualifications.

I believe that I am both qualified and capable of making an above-average Special Agent and would consider it an honor to continue service with such an efficiently operating function of government.

Sincerely,

Wendell L. Claybaugh
WENDELL LEE CLAYBAUGH



3717 McClintock, Apt. 3
Los Angeles 7, California

Wendell L. Claybaugh

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: March 30, 1951

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS *HLE*SUBJECT: NAVAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
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Of the thirteen Special Agents in Charge reporting for Security Conference on Monday, April 2, 1951, the following Special Agents in Charge are due for their fitness-for-duty physical examinations.

☒ Carson, C. H.	Baltimore
☒ Hood, R. B.	Los Angeles
☒ Kimball, H. M.	San Francisco
☒ Soucy, E. A.	Pittsburgh
☒ McSwain, G. R.	Chicago

Inasmuch as all five of these Special Agents in Charge are in field offices where an examining facility exists for handling the men in those territories it is believed that the Bureau's best interest would be served by having these men arrange for their physical examinations locally rather than have them consume the greater part of a full day at Washington to have their physical examinations at Bethesda.

Baltimore has just started to use the Naval facility at Annapolis and Pittsburgh has just completed arrangements for the use of the Army installation in Pittsburgh. SAC Soucy indicates that he will have his physical examination taken prior to 4/10/51. Los Angeles uses Oceanside, California and SAC Hood stated that his physical examination has been postponed because of his recent operation and pending his doctor's release he anticipates undergoing the physical no later than April. San Francisco uses the Naval facility at Oakland, California and SAC Kimball advised that he has scheduled his physical examination for April 6, 1951. SAC McSwain has just become due on 3/24/51 and we will make certain he has his promptly on his return to Chicago.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the above suggestion be approved and the Special Agents in Charge undergo their physical examinations in their own territories rather than here in Washington, D. C.

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Kuback - see that they have them promptly. He will follow up.
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June 1, 1951

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

I want to express to you and through you to the personnel of the Los Angeles Office my sincere appreciation for the splendid work performed in connection with the Extortion case involving Herbert Frederick Logemann.

It is my desire that you personally convey my gratitude and commendation to those employees who participated in this case and who gave so unstintingly of their time and efforts, advising them that I was most pleased with the efficient and capable manner in which this assignment was handled. It is such performance of duty which has earned for the FBI its excellent record and reputation.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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June 21, 1951

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Air Mail - Special Delivery
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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

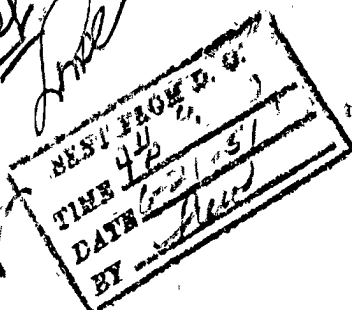
I have at hand your teletype of the 21st in response to the instructions which I gave Assistant Director Nichols to obtain from you a statement as to exactly what you said to Deputy Attorney General Ford relative to the presentation of additional cases under the Smith Act to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles for prosecution.

It is obvious to me from your admitted statements that Mr. Ford was certainly justified in assuming that the Bureau at Los Angeles would shortly be in a position to present more than one case, which we had authorized you to present, to the U. S. Attorney. When Mr. Ford made the inquiry of you which he did, instead of your presuming to inform him that you could have additional cases at Los Angeles and that you hoped you would have a number of such cases, and would make every attempt to do so, you should have informed him that this was a matter to be determined by the Bureau headquarters at Washington. Such decisions are to be made by this office and not by any Special Agent in Charge in the field.

You had been authorized to present one case to the U. S. Attorney and the Bureau has received five additional names from your office to consider for presentation to the U. S. Attorney for prosecution under the Smith Act. After consideration by the Bureau and the Department of the cases you will be advised in due time as to the Bureau's decision. I think it will

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serve the best interests of all concerned if in the future you will confine your conversations and discussions with persons outside of the Bureau to matters upon which you have either previously been given clearance by the Bureau or not discuss them at all.

Your failure to report your conversation with Mr. Ford because it was of a "casual nature" is certainly extremely poor judgment upon your part. This error of judgment upon your part has resulted in extreme embarrassment to me when this matter was under discussion with the Attorney General yesterday. I had no knowledge whatsoever of any such discussion or semi-commitment by you as to what you would be able to do as to the presentation of future cases for prosecution under the Smith Act. Certainly you should have realized that your discussion with Mr. Ford might at least be brought up at Washington and you should have therefore promptly notified the Bureau what your discussion had been, particularly when you indulged in a discussion of matters about which you had no authority from the Bureau to discuss.

I would appreciate it if in the future you would make a more diligent effort to adhere to the policies set forth by this office and not presume to usurp certain prerogatives which inevitably result in embarrassment to all parties concerned.

Very truly yours,

151 *J. Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 3, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw Special Agent in Charge Richard B. Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division. I told Mr. Hood that I was extremely displeased at the manner in which he had handled himself in his conversation with Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford, who recently visited Los Angeles, in that he, Mr. Hood, had made certain commitments about being able to have additional cases ready for presentation to the grand jury under the Smith Act. I told Mr. Hood that it was not his function to make such commitments until he had cleared the same with the Bureau and the Bureau had decided what action should be taken. I told him that his failure to report his conversation with Mr. Ford was also indicative of a lack of proper attitude upon his part and that the sooner he adjusted the operations of his office to conform to the policies of the headquarters of this Bureau, the better it would be for him and for the Bureau.

I likewise called his attention to his action in concurring with SAC Kimball of San Francisco in selecting Attorney General Brown of California to address the Spring meeting of the National Academy Associates at Monterey. I called his attention to the fact that he had been specifically instructed by the Bureau to be most circumspect in any dealings with Attorney General Brown, but that in spite of this he had selected Brown to be the principal speaker at the National Academy Associates' meeting. I told him it was beyond my comprehension how he could disregard the Bureau's instructions concerning relations with Mr. Brown.

Mr. Hood stated he regretted the incidents which had occurred and would endeavor to guard against them in the future. Only time will tell whether this assurance upon his part means anything. I gained the impression that Mr. Hood runs his office as he sees fit rather than in conformance with the Bureau's instructions, and that he does not welcome any criticism of actions of his which may be counter to the Bureau's desires. I think it is necessary that we keep a very tight hand upon Mr. Hood until he brings himself into full accord with the Bureau's operational policies.

I discussed with him the matter of his Resident Agents and impressed upon him the necessity for very close and careful supervision of them.

I also discussed with him the need for improving the quality and degree of confidential informant coverage.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: R. B. HOOD
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

DATE: July 10, 1951

LEAVE REQUEST

While discussing other matters with SAC Hood on July 9, 1951, he stated that he was desirous of taking annual leave Wednesday, July 11, 1951, through Friday, July 13, 1951. I told Mr. Hood that this period of leave would be entirely satisfactory unless he heard to the contrary.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

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Name of Employee: RICHARD B. HOOD

Where Assigned: LOS ANGELES OFFICE
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Rating Period: from APRIL 1, 1950 to MARCH 31, 1951

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Employee's
Initials

Rated by:

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ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR

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Rating approved by:

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TYPE OF REPORT

() Official
(X) Annual

() Administrative
() 60-day
() Transfer
() Separation from service
() Special

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PERFORMANCE RATING GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL

(For use as attachment to Performance Rating Form No. FD-185)

Name of Employee RICHARD B. HOODTitle SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGERating Period: from 4-1-50 to 3-31-51

RATING GUIDE AND CHECK-LIST

Note: Only those items having pertinent bearing on employee's performance should be rated. All employees in same salary grade should be compared. Rate items as follows:

- + Outstanding (exceeding excellent and deserving special commendation).
✓ Satisfactory (ranging from good to excellent but not sufficient to rate outstanding).
- Unsatisfactory.
○ No opportunity to appraise performance during rating period.

Guide for determining adjective rating:

An 'Outstanding' rating cannot be justified unless all elements rated are 'plus', and in addition, of course, supporting comments must comply with the requirements as set out below.

So far as 'Satisfactory' and 'Unsatisfactory' ratings are concerned, it is impossible to provide a mechanical formula for computing the various 'plus', 'check', and 'minus' marks because such would presume equal weight for all elements rated. Good judgment must be exercised to insure that the adjective rating is reasonable in the light of the elements rated. All minus marks must be supported by narrative detail, and of course, all 'Unsatisfactory' ratings must comply with the requirements as set out below.

- + (1) Personal appearance.
+ (2) Personality and effectiveness of his personal contacts.
+ (3) Attitude (including dependability, cooperativeness, loyalty, enthusiasm, amenability and willingness to equitably share work load).
+ (4) Physical fitness (including health, energy, stamina).
+ (5) Resourcefulness and ingenuity.
+ (6) Forcefulness and aggressiveness as required.
+ (7) Judgment, including common sense, ability to arrive at proper conclusions; ability to define objectives.
+ (8) Initiative and the taking of appropriate action on own responsibility.
+ (9) Planning ability and its application to the work.
+ (10) Accuracy and attention to pertinent detail.
+ (11) Industry, including energetic consistent application to duties.
+ (12) Productivity, including amount of acceptable work produced and rate of progress on or completion of assignments. Also consider adherence to deadlines unless failure to meet is attributable to causes beyond employee's control.
+ (13) Knowledge of duties, instructions, rules and regulations, including readiness of comprehension and 'know how' of application.
✓ (14) Technical or mechanical skills.
+ (15) Investigative ability and results:
+ (a) Internal security cases
+ (b) Criminal or general investigative cases
+ (c) Fugitive cases
+ (d) Applicant cases
+ (e) Accounting cases
+ (16) Physical surveillance ability.

- + (17) Firearms ability.
+ (18) Development of informants and sources of information.
+ (19) Reporting ability:
+ (a) Investigative reports
+ (b) Summary reports
+ (c) Memos, letters, wires
 (Consider: + conciseness; + clarity; + organization; + thoroughness; + accuracy; + adequacy and pertinency of leads; + administrative detail.)
+ (20) Performance as a witness.
+ (21) Executive ability:
+ (a) Leadership
+ (b) Ability to handle personnel
+ (c) Planning
+ (d) Making decisions
+ (e) Assignment of work
+ (f) Training subordinates
+ (g) Devising procedures
+ (h) Emotional stability
+ (i) Promoting high morale
+ (j) Getting results
+ (22) Ability on raids and dangerous assignments:
+ (a) As leader
+ (b) As participant
+ (23) Organizational interest, such as making of suggestions for improvement.
+ (24) Ability to work under pressure.
+ (25) Miscellaneous. Specify and rate:

A. Specify general nature of assignment during most of rating period (such as security, criminal, applicant squad, or as resident Agent, supervisor, instructor, etc.): APC

B. Specify employee's most noteworthy special talents (such as investigator, desk man, research, instructor, speaker): APC

C. (1) Is employee available for general assignment wherever needs of service require? 2 (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)
 (2) Is employee available for special assignment wherever needs of service require? 2 (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)

D. Has employee had any abnormal sick leave record during rating period? 2 (If so, explain in narrative comments.)

ADJECTIVE RATING:

SATISFACTORY

Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

THE DIRECTOR

JUNE

May 11, 1951

D. M. LADD

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference is made to your inquiry as to what action was taken regarding SAC Hood's letter of July 2, 1947, dealing with the interview of Thurman Scruggs Wilkins, a possible witness in the above case.

Inasmuch as a check of our files does not reflect a letter to SAC Hood on this matter or a memorandum reflecting that it was taken up personally with him, Mr. Belmont called Mr. Hood on May 10. Mr. Hood advised that subsequent to the receipt by the Bureau of Hood's letter dated July 2, 1947, Mr. E. A. Tamm called him on the telephone and pointed out most strongly to him the undesirability of the procedure used in connection with Wilkins. Furthermore, upon Hood's next visit to the Bureau, immediately subsequent to this incident, Mr. Tamm again went into the matter thoroughly and pointed out the undesirability of the procedure. Mr. Hood advised that he had not received any letter on this and that he had the definite understanding that Mr. Tamm was handling it personally with him, rather than sending a letter to him.

You will recall, as set out in my memorandum of May 8, that SAC Letter #84, Series 1947, dated July 3, 1947, gave definite instructions to the field in this matter also.

It should have been
the subject of a strong
letter of censure.

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August 1, 1951

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I find it necessary at this time to again point out to you the most unsatisfactory manner in which you have handled the case involving the prosecution of certain members of the Communist Party under the Smith Act. I am advised that when the time came recently to have process issued for various Party members under consideration for prosecution, it was necessary to admit to the Departmental attorneys handling the prosecutions that your office was unable to locate all of the subjects.

This failure in itself was most reprehensible and certainly does not instill confidence as to the manner in which your division would carry out its responsibilities in the event of a national emergency. What makes this failure even more embarrassing to the Bureau is the fact that sometime ago you gave assurances to Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford regarding the ability of your division to make a certain number of these cases available for prosecution. When the time came to produce, you were found wanting, and this is certainly a most serious reflection upon the Bureau.

I have previously called your attention, personally and by letter, my displeasure over your atrocious judgment in making the commitment you did, and I want to be certain that you clearly understand that I cannot tolerate any further such mis-handling of matters of this importance.

Very truly yours,
(s) J. Edgar Hoover
Mailed by the Director

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Pri
Mr. Leggett

August 21, 1951

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Sir:

I am very much concerned over your failure to develop and maintain adequate informants and sources of information to assure that your office will be advised of violations in those matters which are our primary responsibility.

An incident in your territory several days ago disclosed the existence of a large-scale owner and operator of slot machines and other coin-operated devices. This fact was first reported to you by local authorities and it is apparent that if you had afforded proper attention to the development of violations concerning gambling devices and had adopted effective measures to assure that you would be advised of these violations, you would have been cognizant of such a large concentration of gambling devices in your territory.

The Los Angeles Office apparently expects that cases in this category will be developed by other authorities and delivered readily to your office. This passive attitude cannot be expected to be productive and it must be immediately replaced by a positive, progressive and intelligent program to discover all possible sources of violations.

Through the efforts of the San Diego Division, a series of violations of the Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices Statute have been reported to that office and developed. However, a survey made by your office in the past few days where similar conditions exist did not disclose a single violation.

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In spite of instructions that matters involving the interstate transportation of gambling devices were to receive close and continuous attention, you have apparently failed to give this matter proper attention. I want to repeat the necessity for an intelligent program of development including the cultivation of informants, sources of information and underworld contacts in order that violations will be reported to your office.

This must receive immediate, vigorous and continuous attention in order that real results will be obtained and that we will be able to discharge our responsibilities under the legislation.

I intend to hold you personally responsible for an immediate improvement in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover
Mailed by the Director
John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. Glavin	✓
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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R.B. X HOOD
RE TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR L. B. NICHOLS AND
DIRECTOR-S CONVERSATION WITH ASAC J. C. ELLSWORTH RELATIVE PEYTON
FORD AND SMITH ACT CASES. ON JUNE SIX LAST I HAD SHORT SOCIAL VISIT
IN CAR AND AT HIS HOTEL WITH PEYTON FORD OF DEPARTMENT WHILE HE WAS
IN LA. HE STATED HE WAS HERE TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITH USA ERNEST TOLIN
BUT LATTER WAS IN COURT ON MICKEY COHEN INCOME TAX CASE TRIAL.
WE BOTH EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER SUPREME COURT DECISION ON NEW YORK
CONSPIRACY CASE UNDER SMITH ACT. HE STATED DEPARTMENT HOPED TO HAVE
MANY PROSECUTIONS UNDER SMITH ACT ON NATIONWIDE BASIS IN NEAR FUTURE,
USING SAME WITNESSES, VARIOUS PLACES, AND A NEW ONE HAD BEEN LOCATED IN
NEW YORK WHO HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED. HE ASKED IF THERE COULD BE
SUCH CASES IN LOS ANGELES AND WAS INFORMED WE NO DOUBT COULD HAVE
THEM, THAT I HOPED WE COULD HAVE A NUMBER AND WE WOULD MAKE EVERY AT-
TEMPT TO DO SO. NO SPECIFIC NUMBER OR NO NAMES OF ANY CASES WERE
DISCUSSED BY ME. I POSITIVELY DID NOT STATE ANY CASES WERE READY FOR
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*Hood talked too much. He
should have told Ford this was a
matter for determination by Bureau
at Wash not by him Hood.*

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TRIAL, FOR THIS IS NOT THE CASE. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO
DISCUSSION OF POLICY MATTERS ON SMITH ACT CASES. HE STATED TOLIN
WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE INFO THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN USA AT THEIR RECENT
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. NO PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL TO DISCUSS SMITH ACT
CASES WITH FORD WAS OBTAINED AS I HAD NO IDEA FORD WOULD BRING IT UP,
AND NO SUCH DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE EXCEPT AS SET OUT ABOVE, AND HIS
STATEMENT THAT SUCH DISCUSSION OCCURRED IS MISCONSTRUING THE ENTIRE
SITUATION. BUREAU NOT PREVIOUSLY INFORMED OF CONVERSATION WITH FORD
IN VIEW OF CASUAL NATURE OF IT. YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE
FACT THAT AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO THE BUREAU BY ASAC ELLSWORTH, USA
TOLIN, IN HIS TELEPHONE CALL TO LA OFFICE LATE THIS AFTERNOON, SAID THAT
HE HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM PEYTON FORD THAT FORD WOULD LIKE TOLIN TO
QUOTE GET GOING ON A SMITH ACT CASE WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS THE LOS
ANGELES OFFICE HAS READY UNQUOTE. ELLSWORTH HAS ORIGINAL NOTES ON
CALL FROM TOLIN INDICATING THAT ONE SMITH ACT CASE WAS MENTIONED.
THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT FORD-S STATEMENT TO USA TOLIN IS CERTAINLY AT
VARIANCE WITH HIS STATEMENT TO MR. NICHOLS. NO COMMITMENT OR
INFERENCE WAS MADE TO FORD THAT WOULD JUSTIFY HIS STATEMENTS WHICH
HE HAS MADE TO NICHOLS THIS DATE.

HOOD

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It was so "casual" that it has served to embarrass the Bureau. The sooner Hood realizes he isn't running a separate parallel the better the interests of the Bureau.
*10:20 p.m. Belmont
Mr. Nichols*
revised.

August 9, 1951

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Your interest in the conservation of paper is very much appreciated by the Bureau and I want you to know how grateful I am for your efforts. I am cognizant of your solicitation of ideas from employees within your Field Division and want to encourage such a procedure. The pooling of ideas will result in constructive thoughts being made available to the Bureau and undoubtedly beneficial results will accrue to the entire service.

Your exemplary initiative in connection with the Bureau's Suggestion Program is most pleasing to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NAME: HOOD, RICHARD B.

TITLE: SAC

EOD: September 24, 1934

SALARY: GS-15 \$10,750

PREFERENCE: LOS ANGELES

EXAMINATION: 97.5%

DICTATION RATING: EXCELLENT

INSPECTOR NAUGHTEN:

I regard HOOD as a field executive of more than normal ability. He is very intelligent and energetic, putting in long hours at his job. He has been very effective in the field of contacts, showing wise discretion in selectivity in development of and handling such contacts. He has maintained a position of prestige and respect throughout the Division in the eyes of law enforcement officials, federal and other officials. He maintains a tight grip on his office, having intimate knowledge of all phases of operations. Due to sheer ability plus long experience I feel he is fully competent to handle any of our largest offices.

INSPECTION REPORT
LOS ANGELES OFFICE
INSPECTOR NAUGHTEN
MARCH 31, 1951

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 28, 1951

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
 (Prosecution of Additional Communist
 Functionaries under the Smith Act)
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Pursuant to your request, there are set forth herein details regarding the reasons why five subjects being considered for prosecution in California, namely, Artie Brown; Elizabeth Glenn; Hursel Alexander; Samuel Kasinowitz, commonly known as Harry Daniels; and Alexander Stephan Treskin, were not proceeded against.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CALIFORNIA SMITH ACT CASES

During the second week of June, 1951, the Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions recommended a total of twenty-five cases for possible prosecution under the Smith Act. Prosecutive summary reports on each of these twenty-five cases were received at the Bureau on July 2, 1951. These reports were reviewed and found to be good cases for prosecution under the Smith Act. They were then furnished to the Department for prosecutive opinion and a suggestion was made in identifying what was believed to be the ten strongest cases. The Department then selected five additional cases from among the 25 summary reports originally submitted. The five cases involved Rose Kusnitz, also known as Rose Chernin; Loretta Stack; Alexander Stephan Treskin; Samuel Kasinowitz, also known as Harry Daniels; and Elizabeth Glenn. This made a total of 15 cases being considered by the Department for prosecution.

Upon arrival in California of Departmental attorneys who are to handle the prosecution, they selected two other subjects, namely, Hursel Alexander and Mary Bernadette Doyle. This raised the total of persons being considered for prosecution to 17. These attorneys were advised that the whereabouts of Artie Brown; Samuel Kasinowitz, commonly known as Harry Daniels; Alexander Stephan Treskin; and Hursel Alexander were not known at the time warrants were not issued against these four subjects. With respect to the fifth subject, Elizabeth Glenn, the Departmental attorneys decided against obtaining a warrant for her arrest because they felt no additional woman should be included and because she was reliably reported to be pregnant and it was felt her physical condition might gain her sympathy with the jury. Inasmuch as warrants were not

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issued against these five individuals, the number of subjects to be considered for prosecution was reduced to 12. These 12 individuals were taken into custody on July 26, 1951.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE MISSING SUBJECTS

The four subjects who disappeared during the time they were being considered for possible prosecution were Artie Brown; Hursel Alexander; Samuel Kasinowitz, also known as Harry Daniels; and Alexander Stephan Treskin. The details regarding efforts made to locate Hursel Alexander were set forth in a memorandum to me dated July 27, 1951, a copy of which is attached for your information. Details of the efforts made to locate the remaining three missing subjects are set forth herein under their respective names.

ARTIE BROWN

Brown was originally selected by the San Francisco Division as one of the fifteen cases to be considered for prosecution under the Smith Act. At that time, his whereabouts was known. Brown's case was later suggested to the Department as one of the ten strongest, partly because of his positions as Trade-Union Director of District #13, CP, USA and alternate member of the CP National Committee.

On June 15, 1951, Brown's whereabouts was known and his activities were being closely followed through informant coverage and spot surveillances. As had been previously determined, Brown departed from San Francisco on June 19, 1951, travelling to Burbank, California for a scheduled meeting with Dorothy Healey. The Los Angeles Division had been previously notified and verified his arrival in that Division.

Los Angeles later determined Brown had a plane reservation to return to San Francisco on June 21, 1951, and so advised the San Francisco Division. However, it was later determined that Brown failed to pick up this plane reservation and had disappeared.

Immediate investigation was conducted in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions through the use of technical and microphone surveillances, alerting of informants, and performing logical investigation. It was learned on June 30, 1951, that Brown's sister had made the statement that he was "in the East" and was too busy to attend the funeral of his brother. A physical

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surveillance of the funeral of Brown's brother on July 5, 1951, at Oakland, revealed that Brown did not participate in any of the funeral arrangements and that neither he nor his wife had attended the funeral service.

Meanwhile the New York Division had been requested to contact informants to determine if Brown could be located. New York was also requested to closely follow the activities of and conduct spot surveillances on William Schneiderman to determine if he was in contact with Brown. The New York Division advised that Brown was not known to have been in that city for the past three months.

On July 6, it was ascertained that the subject's wife and children had previously left in the family car and travelled to the home of her father at Ontario, California, where she planned to stay for a long summer vacation. Physical surveillance and mail cover on the subject's wife have failed to reflect any contact with her husband to date.

Mail covers, neighborhood contacts and confidential informants have been covering the activities of Brown's six relatives in San Francisco with negative results. Technical surveillance, mail cover, and spot surveillance on the unoccupied residence of Brown have been maintained with negative results.

On July 16, 1951, the Washington Field Division was requested to place a stop with the Department of State for information regarding Brown's possible application for a passport. On July 18, 1951, the Portland Division was requested to alert informants and physical surveillances to the possibility of Brown's presence in that area in connection with recent underground activities.

On [redacted] a reliable confidential informant reported [redacted]

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On July 21, 1951, all field divisions which were furnished with a "Top Functionary Photo Album" were advised of Brown's disappearance and were requested to immediately contact informants in an effort to determine his whereabouts.

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The above information merely high-lights the investigation being conducted to locate Brown. All of the above-mentioned investigative techniques, in addition to others, continue to be utilized in every effort to locate Brown as soon as possible.

ALEXANDER STEPHAN TRESKIN

Treskin is the San Francisco County CP Treasurer and his case was recommended by the San Francisco Division as one of fifteen to be considered for possible prosecution under the Smith Act. Treskin's case was not one of the ten strongest suggested by the Bureau to the Department. His case was selected as one of five to be added to the ten strongest cases and make a total of fifteen cases to be considered for prosecution in the State of California.

Until June 26, 1951, the subjects' whereabouts and activities were known daily to the San Francisco Office. When it was determined Treskin had not been seen for several days and had withdrawn from his usual activities, investigation was immediately conducted to locate him. Confidential informants and neighbors at both his current and previous residences were contacted in these efforts to locate Treskin. Spot surveillances of Treskin's wife and step-father were met with negative results.

A reliable confidential informant was able to elicit information [redacted]

[redacted] another reliable informant advised [redacted]

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Confidential information was received that [redacted]

Surveillance of the subject's wife reflected contacts with Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Canright who are trusted CP members and close friends of Treskin. The Canright residence has extra living space which is known to have been used in the past by other CP members. Because of the suspicious circumstances connected with Mrs. Treskin's visits to the Canright home, a technical surveillance on this residence has been recommended. A physical surveillance of this residence has been conducted intermittently.

The physical surveillance of subject's wife, spot surveillances of subject's former haunts, mail covers, contacts with confidential informants, and other logical investigation have met with negative results in the efforts being made to locate Treskin. Vigorous and continued efforts are being made to locate the subject.

SAMUEL KASINOWITZ

Kasinowitz is commonly known as Harry Daniels and is the Eastern Division Organizer of the Los Angeles County CP. His case was among the ten originally recommended by the Los Angeles Division for possible prosecution under the Smith Act. His case was not included among the tens suggested to the Department as the strongest cases in the State of California. His case was among the last group of five selected by the Department to bring to a total of fifteen the number of cases on which prosecution was desired.

The subject's whereabouts and activities were known daily to the Los Angeles Division until June 27, 1951, through established contacts. Immediate investigation was conducted to determine his whereabouts without success although there was no indication he had actually gone underground. Since July 2, 1951, a surveillance has been maintained on the subject's wife with no indication that she is in contact with him. A mail cover has been placed and phone calls checked on the subject's residence. The subject's photograph and description were furnished the Portland Division for possible identification of the subject among known underground Party members in that area. All possible informants have been contacted and some sent [redacted] b7E

[redacted] Leads to auxiliary offices to cover possible contacts of the subject have been handled expeditiously. Every effort is being made to locate the subject as soon as possible.

At the time the Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions recommended that consideration be given to the possible prosecution of twenty-five individuals in those areas, the whereabouts of each recommended subject was known. At the time each of the above-named four persons disappeared, there had been no full-time physical surveillances placed on the California subjects. This had not been done because it was not yet known how long a period of time would elapse before the subjects where to be arrested. Furthermore, it was believed that physical surveillances for an extended period of time would rout those potential subjects who are for the most part extremely "tail conscious."

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

By closely working with the Departmental attorneys and the United States Attorney in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices were able to eliminate from presentation to the Grand Jury those individuals whose whereabouts were not known. The Department has indicated a continuing interest in these individuals and the possibility of a superseding indictment when they are located. Efforts to locate these subjects are vigorously continuing. Because of the procedures followed the subjects do not know specifically we are looking for them, nor have their names been made public. Under the circumstances, it is not believed that the administrative action is necessary concerning the Los Angeles and San Francisco Offices on this particular matter.

Mr. Glavin is preparing letters of censure to Hood and Kimball with reference to these surveillances.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "OK" H.

August 30, 1951

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Your headquarters are being changed, public business permitting, from Los Angeles, California, to the Washington Field Office, effective upon your arrival there on or after this date. You are to assume the duties of Special Agent in Charge of that Office.

This change is made for official reasons and not primarily for your convenience or benefit, or at your request. You will be allowed your necessary expenses of transportation and a per diem in lieu of subsistence of \$9.00 in connection therewith, such expenses to include the transportation of your immediate family as provided for in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946, as amended.

You are authorized to use a privately owned automobile in connection with your transfer and you will be reimbursed at the rate of seven cents per mile not to exceed the cost of common carrier by the most direct route, plus incidental expenses in connection therewith, of all persons officially traveling in that vehicle. Should your dependents travel by privately owned automobile separate and apart from you, mileage at seven cents per mile is authorized under the same conditions as above.

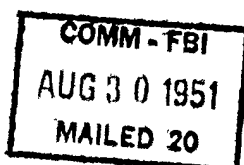
The transportation of your household goods and personal effects will be paid in accordance with regulations contained in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946, as amended.

CC-Washington Field (P&C)
Los Angeles (P)
Mr. L. B. Nichols
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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DANIEL BEECHER
CHIEF DEPUTY

S. ERNEST ROLL
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

C. H. EBBETS
CHIEF, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

County of Los Angeles

Office of the District Attorney

Hall of Justice

Los Angeles 12.

September 13, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you concerning Mr. Richard B. Hood who has served your office here in Los Angeles so faithfully in the past. All of us are going to miss Dick, for in my opinion he was an outstanding agent in charge of a very important office.

I want you to know that we found Dick Hood a most efficient and capable man. He maintained splendid cooperation between this office and the F.B.I. and we hated to see him leave.

I am sure we will find Mr. Carson an excellent agent and we will be happy to work with him in every way, but I did not want Dick to go back to Washington without your knowing what a fine job he has done in our city.

If in any way I can ever be of service to you out here, please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

S. ERNEST ROLL
District Attorney

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR
 FROM : L. B. NICHOLS
 SUBJECT:

DATE: August 30, 1951

In line with our telephone conversation today,
 I advised Mr. Glavin to issue transfer orders as follows:

SAC G. R. McSwain of Chicago is to be transferred
 to the Bureau Headquarters as Inspector in Charge
 of the Investigative Division.

SAC C. W. Stein of the Washington Field Office is
 to be transferred to the Training Division as an
 Inspector.

SAC R. B. Hood of Los Angeles is to be transferred
 as SAC, Washington Field Office.

SAC H. M. Kimball, San Francisco, is to be assigned
 as SAC, Cleveland.

SAC R. J. Abbaticchio, Cleveland, is to be assigned
 as SAC, San Francisco.

Alex Rosen is to be assigned as SAC, Baltimore and
 reduced from GS-15 to GS-14.

SAC C. H. Carson, Baltimore, is to be assigned as
 SAC, Los Angeles.

SAC H. T. O'Connor, Detroit, is to be assigned as
 SAC, Chicago.

SAC, J. A. Robey, Pittsburgh, is to be assigned as
 SAC, Detroit.

SAC Fred Hallford, Louisville, is to be assigned as
 SAC, Pittsburgh.

SAC J. F. Malone, San Diego, is to be assigned as
 SAC, Louisville.

SAC's Abbaticchio and Carson were ordered to report in
 Washington on Wednesday, September 5, for conference with the
 Director.

All of the above orders have gone out by teletype to be con-
 firmed by letter except the orders to Messrs. Stein and Rosen which
 have been dispatched in the form of letters.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

cc: Mr. Ladd
cc: Mr. Belmont

August 21, 1951

Mr. Belmont wants this

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V. H. Bailey 1243
Internal Security Section

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Sir:

I wanted you to know that I am thoroughly displeased at the failure of your office to maintain proper cognizance of the whereabouts of Frank Spector, who is under consideration for prosecution under the Smith Act of 1940.

You were in possession of ample notice of the urgent desire expressed by the United States Attorney in Los Angeles and officials of the Department of Justice to proceed against Spector in conjunction with similar cases now pending in the Southern District of California. It must have been apparent that immediately upon submission of the Los Angeles prosecutive summary report of August 9, 1951, to the Department a decision will be forthcoming as to the action desired against him. The failure of your office to provide sufficient coverage of the activities of Spector to insure knowledge of his whereabouts when apprehension is requested places the Bureau in an extremely embarrassing position and enhances the possibility of a fugitive investigation with all its attendant difficulties.

It will be necessary that you devote greater personal attention to the supervision of this investigation to insure that all logical efforts are expended to locate Spector without delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

August 21, 1951

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

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Very truly yours,

Since Spector has been recovered it will not be necessary to send this.
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, Los Angeles

September 13, 1951

Director, FBI

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

U. S. Treasury Check No. 13,639,338
Payable to Richard B. Hood
Amount \$1,097.00

Transmitted herewith is the above-captioned check representing an advance of funds which is to be used for the transportation of household goods and personal effects in connection with an official transfer from Los Angeles, California, to Washington, D. C.

The enclosed check should be delivered to the above-named employee promptly.

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Registered
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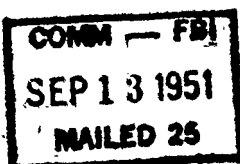
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Mr. S. Ernest Roll
District Attorney
Hall of Justice
Temple and Broadway
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mr. Roll:

Thank you for your letter dated September 13, 1951. It was very thoughtful of you to write me concerning Mr. Richard B. Hood who has been in charge of our Los Angeles Office.

I am very pleased to know that he made such an excellent impression during his assignment in your community. I am certain that he will be gratified to learn of your kind comments.

It is reassuring to have your pledge of support to Mr. C. H. Carson who will be Mr. Hood's successor. You may be assured that all of us in the FBI will gladly accept your offer to be of service whenever the occasion arises. We, too, are likewise ready to be of assistance to you and your office and I do hope that you will feel free to call upon us.

With best wishes,

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Washington, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: SAC Hood is currently under transfer to WFO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *Vm*

DATE: 9/21/51

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: RICHARD B. HOOD
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Richard B. Hood

Mr. Hood called today and stated that he has just about wound up all of his official duties in the Los Angeles Division and he would like to have annual leave next week for the entire week in order to take care of packing and crating his household goods and preparing to depart for the Washington Field Office. He also stated that he has not obtained a buyer for his house as yet and he feels he can complete this next week. He advised his present plans are to leave Los Angeles on October 1 and arrive in Washington on or about October 4. He stated he would travel from Los Angeles to Washington, D. C. by train.

I told Mr. Hood unless he was advised to the contrary it would be satisfactory for him to take the period of leave indicated.

*J. P. Mohr**JPM:DW*

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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October 4, 1951

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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE OF
EMPLOYEES ON SPECIAL OR COURT ASSIGNMENTS;
ALSO NOTICE OF ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE OF EMPLOYEES ON TRANSFER

NAME RICHARD B. HOOD

OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT Los Angeles

NATURE OF ASSIGNMENT Transfer

ARRIVED 9:35 AM, October 4, 1951

(Time and Date)

REPORTED FOR DUTY (necessary only for arrivals on transfer):

DEPARTED _____

DESTINATION _____

Following information to be furnished only when an employee
arrives your office on transfer: 350 38-374

PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY: 64

NAME Mrs. Hilda Hood

ADDRESS (thru office)

RELATIONSHIP Wife

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein
C. W. STEIN
SAC

CWS:nw

October 10, 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On October 8, 1951, I saw SAC R. B. Hood of the Washington Field Division who has recently assumed those duties. I discussed with Mr. Hood generally some of the problems facing the Washington Field Division and the necessity for tightening up in the administration of that office, with absolute fairness to all employees at the same time. I also told him that I wanted him to make a very careful check of his personnel to be certain that he has no problem cases assigned to his office, particularly in the investigative group, as I felt that in view of the demands on the Washington Field Office, the SAC of that office should not be encumbered with any special problems arising out of personnel situations. I also told him to make a careful check and analysis of the ASAC, Mr. Fletcher, and be certain that he was satisfied that he was the man to be able to run the Washington Field Office in the absence of Mr. Hood. I advised Mr. Hood I had been concerned over a long period of time about the fact that there were a few Agents in the Washington Field Office who were not half as interested in their work as they should be or as loyal to the Bureau as they should be. I cited to him the recent gossip which had come to my attention about Agents complaining about the fact that they were not being paid for their voluntary overtime. I mentioned to him that our armed services are not being paid for overtime and that many men of the armed services in other portions of the world are working around the clock, dying and being wounded and I thought that the least the personnel of this Bureau could do was to meet its obligation without griping or complaining.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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September 24, 1951

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a certified copy of a resolution
which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on
September 18, 1951, expressing appreciation and
good wishes to Mr. Richard B. Hood, Special Agent
in charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,
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RESOLUTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1951

INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR ROGER W. JESSUP

The Board met in regular session. Present: Supervisors Roger W. Jessup, Chairman presiding, Herbert C. Legg, Leonard J. Roach, John Anson Ford and Raymond V. Darby; and Harold J. Ostly, Clerk, by Ray E. Lee, Deputy Clerk.

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IN RE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE PERFORMED BY MR. RICHARD B. HOOD AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.

On motion of Supervisor Ford, unanimously carried, it is ordered that the following resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has unhesitatingly cooperated with the Department of the Sheriff and all other law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, Richard B. Hood, Special Agent in charge, has lent great emphasis to that cooperation by reason of his personal integrity and efficient leadership in the discharge of his duties; and

WHEREAS, he has provided high inspiration to all law enforcement officers and to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hood is being transferred by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Los Angeles to other responsibilities which will remove him from the Southland:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby expresses its appreciation and esteem for the diligent and exemplary performance of his duties in Los Angeles County, and wishes him continued success in his career as one of the Nation's outstanding law enforcement officers.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on September 18, 1951, and entered in the minutes of said Board.

HAROLD J. OSTLY, County Clerk of the
County of Los Angeles, State of
California, and ex officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors of
said County.

By

Ray E. Lee
Deputy Clerk



ENCLOSURE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1951

**TRANSFER OF HOOD
SOUTHLAND'S LOSS**

The departure of Richard Hood as local chief of the FBI is indeed a loss to the Southland.

Fortunately an excellent successor has been named in Crawford H. (Kit) Carson, 43.

Hood goes to Washington, D.C., to assume direction of that office. There he will be next door to J. Edgar Hoover, brilliant head of the FBI.

During the past 11 years Dick Hood has given this area an outstanding example of ability, honesty and public service in handling an especially difficult assignment.

At the start of World War II it was Hood and his capable staff who rounded up quickly, quietly and efficiently all enemy nationals. The FBI handling of this problem has won warm praise from well-informed individuals.



As Los Angeles and the Southland have grown in national importance, the duties of the FBI here have increased accordingly. We now face the likelihood of attempted extensive sabotage by Communists in the event of war with Russia. Our aircraft factories, oil refineries, synthetic rubber plants, growing number of assembly operations and numerous electrical firms are vital to our national effort to say nothing of the key San Pedro Harbor area and the municipal water supply and other public utilities.

As the nation's third metropolitan area we need the best talent the FBI can provide. One of the soundest protections

we have against subversive elements is the FBI. This agency also does much to enforce a number of important Federal laws and to assist city, county and State law enforcement agencies in their work.

Another surprising feature is the way in which the department gets along so well with successive administrations and Congresses. Much of this credit is due to J. Edgar Hoover. His bureau is honestly and efficiently run and a fine job is turned in consistently. As in most worth-while operations, the inspiration for this comes from the top. It must!

We would be a stronger nation today and our law enforcement agencies would fulfill their duties better if we had more Dick Hoods and J. Edgar Hoovers.

While here Hood took a great personal interest in the welfare of youngsters. He contributed to various civic undertakings and was a staunch church worker. From The Mirror and the Southland, good luck in Washington! When larger responsibilities are entrusted to him, Dick Hood will be ready.

Carson appears to deserve the nickname Kit. He joined the FBI in 1934 and was an agent here in 1937 and 1938. Subsequently he was in charge of bureau operations in Miami and Baltimore.

VIRGIL PINKLEY,
Sept. 27, 1951.

**KOREA CASUALTIES
MAKE SAD READING**

American battle casualties in Korea last week were 2212 men killed, wounded and missing.

That grim total underlines the fact that Korea is a major war, the first act in a Communist program of aggression aimed at conquest of the whole world. Communism must be halted there, with finality, or it will spread by force over the rest of the world.

Don't ever think of Korea as unimportant. More than 85,000 U.S. casualties say you're wrong.

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
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Mr. Ray E. Lee
Chief Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
501 Hall of Records
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for your letter dated September 24, 1951, and the enclosed resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

It is deeply gratifying to know that Mr. Richard B. Hood, who has been in charge of our Los Angeles Office for many years, made such a fine impression and I am certain he will be happy to learn of this commendatory resolution passed in his behalf.

I sincerely believe that through the close cooperation and effective operation of all law enforcement agencies in America we can provide a nation in which justice and freedom are more than mere words. The assistance that you and the members of the Board have given to my associates in the Los Angeles area is greatly appreciated.

You may be assured that we of the FBI stand ready to be of service to the officials of Los Angeles County at all times.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Washington Field, with copy of incoming and resolution

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓
 FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: October 6, 1951

SUBJECT:

R B. Hood

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For record purposes, upon Mr. Hood's arrival in Washington I advised the Associated Press, United Press, Times Herald, Post and Star of Mr. Hood's arrival. The three local papers wanted to get pictures of him and interview him. There was no one at the News. In a conversation with Walker Stone he suggested we forget about them.

Al Lewis of the Post, Bill Millen of the Star, and Bill Flythe of the Times Herald, accompanied by photographers, met Hood in my office at 4:30 p.m. on October 4th. I pointed out that the Director had been called out of the city but that he had asked me to say on his behalf:

"The Washington Field Office is the second largest of the FBI's 52 offices and Mr. Hood has been selected for assignment as Special Agent in Charge in view of his excellent record and devoted service to the FBI over the years."

I then furnished them with a brief biographical sketch of Hood, his service record, places of assignment, and stated they were at liberty to ask Mr. Hood any questions desired.

Hood handled himself exceedingly well and all three of the local representatives expressed appreciation for the manner in which we had handled the matter.

Millen got me aside while he was in here and stated, with reference to the discussion we had had previously about inquiries which he made pertaining to the Bureau, that he had not had time to pursue the matter any further and that he did not know whether his bosses would want him to pursue it any further.

The Post reporter told me they would probably not use their story until Sunday.

I thought the Star and the Times Herald handled the matter well.

cc: Mr. Jones

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November 7, 1951

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dick:

I want to take this occasion to let you know how much I appreciate your valuable assistance during the course of the IACP Convention at Miami last week. I know that such assignments are oftentimes trying and call for a great deal of patience and hard work in making contacts and promoting the Bureau's interests and welfare.

For your services and assistance in this connection I want to express to you my personal and official thanks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

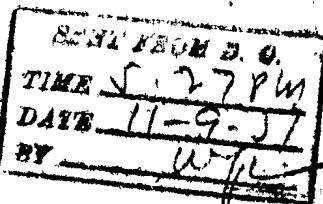
On November 7 I saw SAC R. B. Hood of the Washington Field Office. I inquired of Mr. Hood what progress he was making in assuming his new duties as SAC at Washington and he informed me that he, of course, had been in attendance at the IACP Convention in Miami but that he was now getting into the full operation of his office. He stated he thought there were a number of administrative matters therein that needed tightening up and he was giving his attention to this.

I mentioned the case of Special Agent Joseph Lynch, who was recently assigned to the Liaison Section and by reason of his personal misconduct was transferred and demoted from that Section to the Washington Field Office. I told Mr. Hood that it is imperative for representatives of this Bureau to conduct themselves at all times in a proper manner and I wanted him to give Mr. Lynch very close supervision.

I also told Mr. Hood that I desired that in the future he attend the Supervisors Conferences which are held quarterly at the Seat of Government in order that he may keep abreast of any comments that are made by Bureau officials upon policies and procedures. I suggested that he endeavor to cover the points in Mr. Nichols' remarks to the last Supervisors Conference at his next meeting with Agents of the Washington Field Office.

I discussed generally with Mr. Hood the matters which had arisen at Miami during the course of the IACP Convention. Mr. Hood indicated that there was a very strong current at the Convention to break what was termed the "New Jersey control." He said that representatives from California, Texas and Illinois had aligned themselves and had brought about the defeat of the New Jersey bloc in that the next Convention would be held at Los Angeles and that this same bloc was instrumental in defeating Mr. Woodson of Virginia, who was the candidate for one of the Vice Presidencies, and in the election of Mr. Otterwis of Illinois to that position.

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I told Mr. Hood that I thought we should give careful thought to what our policies and procedures should be at the election to be held in Los Angeles next September. I stated that I doubted that we should endeavor to send as many representatives of the Bureau to the convention but that possibly one or two would be sufficient to appear at these conventions in the future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FBI Promotes Coast Chief To Head Field Office Here

Richard B. Hood, for more than 10 years special agent-in-charge of the Los Angeles area for the federal bureau of investigation, yesterday took charge of the law enforcement agency's Washington field office.

He succeeds Clinton Stein, who has headed the office here since February. Stein will go to the FBI headquarters staff as an inspector.

Served Here Before

Born near Uniontown, Pa., Hood attended public schools there and Culver military academy. He was graduated from Dartmouth college and received his law degree at the University of Pittsburg in 1934. He joined the FBI that year and has been with it since.

In announcing the appointment, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said, it was in recognition of Hood's "long and excellent service."

Following his appointment to the FBI in 1934, Hood attended the agency's training school and was assigned to the Philadelphia field office. He served in Newark, N. J.; Charlotte, N. C., and Pittsburgh field offices until 1935, when he was transferred to headquarters here.

He was promoted to special agent-in-charge in April, 1937, and assigned to Knoxville. He subsequently held that post in New Orleans and went to Los Angeles in February, 1939. Early in 1940, he was sent to San Diego and organized a branch there. He

returned to Los Angeles that fall and has been there since.

During his FBI career, Hood has helped crack some of the nation's best known criminal cases.

In 1946, he led the investigation which broke the \$111,000 Lockheed aircraft plant holdup in Burbank, Calif.

Found \$100,000 Loot

Using a mine-detector, he and fellow agents found \$100,000 of the loot buried in a Los Angeles cemetery. Both the bandits in the case were convicted.

He also was active in un-American activity probes, arresting Bert Zantlinger, who was convicted of espionage in New York.

He also directed the arrest of Christopher Tassos in Los Angeles for the holdups of the Shepherd Park branch of the Hamilton National and Metropolitan banks here.

Tassos and two others were convicted of the Metropolitan bank robbery and indictments in the other holdup were dropped.

Hood will be succeeded in Los Angeles by Crawford H. Carson, present head of the Baltimore field office.

Hood is married but has no children. His wife is in Los Angeles and will join him here later.

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 RICHARD B. HOOD, 43, A NATIVE OF UNIONTOWN, PA., WENT TO WORK TODAY AS SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FBI'S FIELD OFFICE HERE.

HOOD HAD HEADED THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE SUCCEEDS CLINTON W. STEIN, RECENTLY PROMOTED TO INSPECTOR.

A GRADUATE OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW SCHOOL, HOOD HAS BEEN WITH THE FBI SINCE 1934.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ARRIVAL HERE, FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER NOTED THAT THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE IS THE SECOND LARGEST IN THE NATION. HE SAID HOOD WAS SELECTED TO HEAD IT BECAUSE OF HIS EXCELLENT SERVICE RECORD AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.

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December 5, 1951

Personnel Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Old Post Office Bldg.
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: R. B. Hood
2480 - 16th St. N.W., Apt. 133
Washington 9, D.C.
(Special Agent)

Gentlemen:

The person named above has applied to us for credit. We are informed that the applicant is in your employ. It will be of considerable assistance to us in making our decision, as well as an accommodation to your employee, if you would be kind enough to furnish us with the answers to the questions below.

We shall appreciate your courtesy in replying, and assure you that the information furnished will be treated as strictly confidential. A prepaid envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Jordan

W. E. JORDON

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ERNEST A. TOLIN

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES

November 12, 1951

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Laughlin	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Without in any way detracting from the excellence of his successor here, I would like to let you know of the extraordinarily fine relations our office has enjoyed with Mr. Richard B. Hood during the years he acted as Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau at the Los Angeles Office.

One of the remarkable things about Mr. Hood was his constant personal availability to me, not only in the sense that unless out of town he could be personally reached, but in the very satisfying experience of providing me the benefit of his personal attention in the many instances I found it desirable to speak with the Special Agent in Charge.

We in the United States Attorney's Office at Los Angeles especially appreciated the many fine acts of cooperation with Mr. Hood, not only for what he did but the gracious way in which he executed them.

Respectfully,

Ernest A. Tolin
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

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December 12, 1951

Mr. W. E. Jordon
Credit Department
Esso Standard Oil Company
St. Paul Place and Franklin Street
Baltimore 3, Maryland

Dear Mr. Jordon:

Receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry dated December 5, 1951, regarding Mr. Richard B. Hood.

In reply, please be advised Mr. Hood entered on duty in this Bureau as a Special Agent on September 24, 1934, and is presently receiving salary at the rate of \$11,800 per annum. His position in this Bureau is of a permanent nature depending upon the continued satisfactory performance of his duties. The records indicate Mr. Hood was born on August 28, 1908.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

A recent complaint was made to the Bureau that a Special Agent of the Los Angeles Division had been utilizing a Bureau car from January, 1951 through September, 1951 to visit his family in Long Beach, California, when driving in from his Resident Agency for official business at the headquarters city. It has also been called to the Bureau's attention that a practice prevailed in the Los Angeles Division whereby Special Agents who were working late at night on surveillances and were going to utilize the Bureau automobile for such surveillances the following day could use the car for the purpose of driving to their residences.

It is amazing that while you were Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Division you did not detect the unauthorized use of the Bureau automobile in the case cited since the Agent made no effort to cover up his use of the automobile in the manner indicated and a casual perusal of the records would have made it obvious to you that the Agent was improperly using the Bureau-owned automobile. It is felt in this instance you were most derelict in your supervision of this Agent's work and his activities in the Los Angeles Division.

Furthermore, the Bureau is unable to understand your authorizing the use of a Bureau-owned automobile by Special Agents, regardless of the circumstances, to drive to and from their residences. As you know, the Manual clearly states that Bureau-owned automotive equipment is not to be used for other than official purposes and if such equipment is improperly used, the penalty shall be dismissal from the service with prejudice.

I want you to know I am very displeased with the manner in which these matters were handled and I will not tolerate any deviation or improper interpretation of the Bureau's instructions. Should it be necessary to call a matter of this kind to your attention again, you may be assured that very severe administrative action will follow.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 21, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: Special Agent ~~ALFRED~~ GUNNO
R. B. Hood

Reference is made to telephone call from Mr. MOHR, of the Bureau, on December 20, 1951, with reference to the use of a Bureau automobile by the above-named Agent, who is a Resident Agent at Bakerfield, California. It has been established that he was driving a Bureau car from Los Angeles to his home in Long Beach on those occasions when he was in Los Angeles from Bakersfield. Definitely, this Agent had no permission to use the Bureau car in this fashion. He had not requested such permission, and there was no indication to me from any source that he was engaged in this practice. In an effort to prohibit such action, it has, over a period of years, been my practice to personally check automobiles out of the garage at odd hours of the night and on Sundays. This was done by me regularly in Los Angeles, and there was never any indication Agent GUNN might have been using a car in an unauthorized fashion. By my direction, from time to time, I had the ASAC make checks at the garage of a similar nature. By oral statements at conferences, including resident agent conferences, the use of Bureau automobiles was discussed, and it has also been the subject of an office memorandum.

It is stated that the statement from the Agents relative to the storage of Bureau cars monthly indicated that Agent GUNN had the Bureau car at home. This information was compiled for the voucher clerk and not as an administrative procedure of the office, and there was no reason to check these forms for any other purpose.

This is absurd. N.

With reference to my authorizing certain Agents at times to take Bureau cars home under certain circumstances, I wish to state that, from time to time when circumstances indicated it desirable for the Bureau's best interest and certainly not for the convenience of the Agents, they were, with specific permission in each case, permitted to take a car home. Frequently irregular surveillances and the like made it appear desirable, and consequently it was authorized. The ASAC could authorize it and advise me, as well as Supervisors, and a very careful check was made to see that they did not abuse the privilege. They were required to advise me at the daily conferences or by routing

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RE: SA ALFRED GUNN
December 21, 1951
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slip if they had permitted an Agent to use a car and the reason therefor. It is recalled that on one occasion in connection with the ROBINK case we were required to have approximately a dozen Agents available in the vicinity of the airport to pick up a surveillance on five individuals who might come in from Las Vegas. This indefinite situation existed for a matter of several weeks. It requires only an hour to fly from Las Vegas and it would have been impossible for the Agents to get from their homes to the airport without immediate transportation, and those Agents who resided in the vicinity of the airport were alerted and teams were made up, and one Agent had a car at home to handle this assignment. This was the type of situation that was in mind in connection with the use of Bureau cars in the fashion indicated. Such instances were deemed official.

2 LETTERS ATTACHED FOR APPROVAL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *JPM*

DATE: 12/21/51

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ALFRED GRANT GUNN
Special Agent
Los Angeles Division

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With reference to my memorandum to you dated December 20, 1951, concerning the unauthorized use of a Bureau-owned automobile by Special Agent Gunn in the Los Angeles Division, you will find attached a proposed SAC Letter as well as a letter of censure to SAC Hood.

There is also attached Mr. Hood's statement with respect to this matter dated December 21, 1951.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On December 29, 1951, I saw Special Agent in Charge R. B. Hood of the Washington Field Division. I expressed to Mr. Hood my displeasure over the practice which he had allowed to develop when he was SAC at Los Angeles in permitting Agents to utilize Bureau-owned cars to return to their residences upon the completion of a surveillance. I pointed out to him that this practice had been cited by the Resident Agent at Bakersfield as justification for his returning to his home at Long Beach in a Bureau car and keeping such car at his home at Long Beach overnight. I stressed to Mr. Hood the fact that there was a specific prohibition by Congress of the use of Government-owned automobiles in such a way and that I did not desire this practice to be allowed by him to develop in the Washington Field Division.

Very truly yours,

(s) JEH

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 12/20/51

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ALFRED GRANT GUNN

Special Agent

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Under date of December 10, 1951, a letter was addressed to the Director from an individual who signed his name as Robert E. Smith of 1024 West 113th Street, Los Angeles, California. Smith in his communication stated that he lived in the same neighborhood as Special Agent Gunn in Long Beach, California and that Gunn was transferred to Bakersfield, California but his family continued to live in Long Beach from six to eight months and during this time Gunn used to come home every weekend in a Government-owned car. Smith in his letter stated if no action was taken in this matter he intended to report it to his Congressman.

It should be noted that Inspector Gearty was dispatched to Los Angeles to check on this matter and after making all possible checks, he was unable to locate any individual by the name of Robert E. Smith at the address given in Los Angeles or any address in Long Beach where Gunn formerly resided. It must be concluded, therefore, that the communication to the Director is anonymous.

Inspector Gearty has advised after checking into this matter and interviewing Special Agent Gunn that Gunn admits using a Bureau car to visit his home in Long Beach, California while he was stationed in Bakersfield, California as a Resident Agent. It should be noted that Bakersfield is located almost directly north of Los Angeles. Gunn was designated as Resident Agent at Bakersfield on January 25, 1951 and his family did not join him at Bakersfield until September 6, 1951. Gunn decided to leave his family in Long Beach while he built a home in Bakersfield and also to permit his children to complete their semester of school in Long Beach.

Gunn admitted on several occasions coming in from his Resident Agency after work, driving to his home in Long Beach and signing the car in the next morning at the contract garage in Los Angeles. Mr. Gearty stated that a check of the available records reflects that Gunn drove the Bureau car to his home in Long Beach on about fifteen occasions. At no time did he ever try to change the records or in any manner endeavor to cover up his activities that he had the car at home.

According to Mr. Gearty, the Los Angeles Division follows the practice of sending a form out to the Agents each month and on this form they are to show when the car was not in a contract garage and to indicate where it was on the dates not in a contract garage. Gunn on this record showed that the car was "at home" but did not show

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CC - Mr. Glavin

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Apparently under hood the form was valueless as it was never checked. K,

specifically whether it was at home in Bakersfield or Long Beach. However, if a check had been made against the #3 card it would have been apparent that it was at home in Long Beach. The Bureau has a contract garage at Bakersfield and there would be no reason for Gunn to have the car at home in Bakersfield. According to Inspector Gearty, Gunn generally followed the practice of leaving Bakersfield at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon and arriving in Los Angeles at 7:30 p.m. Instead of going to the office, he would drive directly home via a super highway around Los Angeles, which was on a direct line to Bakersfield. He would spend the night at home and then the next morning would drive up from Long Beach to Los Angeles and sign the car in at the contract garage. His daily report would show he was en route from Bakersfield to Los Angeles and home. Gunn admits now that what he did was wrong and that he had no authority to take the Bureau car to his home and keep it there overnight.

When Gunn was first interviewed with respect to this matter he informed Mr. Gearty one of the reasons he did this was because there was a practice in the Los Angeles Office when Agents were working long hours and late at night, it was permissible for them to take a Bureau car home in order to get back to the office at 8:30 the following morning. I told Inspector Gearty that he should check on this matter and find out exactly what was done.

Mr. Gearty has advised that on very limited occasions where Special Agents were working on surveillances or other emergency cases until after midnight they would be permitted to take a Bureau car home in order that they could report to the office by 8:30 a.m. the next morning or could continue the surveillance early the next morning. This practice was instituted under SAC Hood and the Agents in order to take the car home had to get permission from their Supervisors.

Was there any request from Hood for such authority? K
According to Mr. Gearty, SAC Carson did not know of this practice, did not know it was existence and it was not a practice followed by him in the Baltimore Division. The practice grew up under SAC Hood and the Supervisors did it with his permission.

Carson should have learned of it. K,

I have contacted SAC Hood by telephone and he stated he was not aware that Agent Gunn was driving a Bureau car home and keeping it there overnight and that he would not have approved any such practice. Mr. Hood stated he was not aware of the reason why the office did not detect this practice from the available records in the office. Mr. Hood stated that it was his practice while SAC in Los Angeles to permit Agents to take cars home at night when they were on surveillances and they were going out on a surveillance early the next morning and it was possible for them to pick up Agents to go with them. He said this happened on rare occasions and permission was only granted by the supervisory employees. I told Mr. Hood that there was no authority for such a practice and that the regulations in the Manual were very specific that Agents were not to use Bureau-owned automobiles for transportation to and from their residences. Mr. Hood has been requested to submit a memorandum on the two points covered in this 2 paragraph.

The Manual of Rules and Regulations states under Section 2B (3) as follows:

"The use of Bureau automobiles for other than strictly official purposes is strictly prohibited and punishable by dismissal with prejudice. Resignations will not be accepted."

SAC Letter No. 28, dated March 21, 1951, Paragraph (E) states as follows:

"Use of Bureau Automobiles. The Bureau's attention has been called to several instances recently wherein Special Agents, during regular office hours and not in connection with official business, have used official cars for travel to places of residence. It is desired that this practice be stopped immediately. Any future occurrences of this nature will result in administrative action being taken against the individual involved."

I certainly believe that the regulations are specific enough to make it clear to Agent Gunn that he was not utilizing a Bureau car for official purposes to drive to his home in Long Beach, California, and thereafter use the Bureau car to drive from his residence to the office the following day. I also believe that the regulations are specific enough to cover the situation where SAC Hood was permitting Agents to take a car home after working on surveillances late at night and were going to use the car to go out again the next morning. The purpose obviously is to provide the car for transportation to an Agent's residence and not for official purposes. However, to make certain that the instructions are clear and specific on this point, it is recommended that on SAC Letter go forward on this matter.

Inspector Gearty recommends with respect to Agent Gunn that he be censured, placed on probation, suspended for ten days and transferred from his office of preference. Mr. Gearty stated he makes this recommendation since Agent Gunn was perfectly frank during his discussion with respect to this matter, he was not evasive, he was cooperative and furthermore he made no effort to cover up the record in any aspect concerning his use of the Bureau car. Mr. Gearty also pointed out during the period that Agent Gunn was assigned to the Resident Agency at Bakersfield he was putting in approximately three hours per day of voluntary overtime and he did do an outstanding job as an Agent at Bakersfield.

There is attached a permanent brief of the file of Special Agent Gunn.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that Special Agent Gunn be dismissed from the service for his unauthorized use of a Bureau-owned automobile.

He should be censured, placed on probation, transferred. I do this because his SAC practically condoned it. H. Transfer to Seattle. 12-29-51/14 EPH:ll SA

2. I recommend that a letter of censure go forward to SAC Hood for his failure to detect this improper use of a Bureau automobile by Special Agent Gunn and for his further authorization for Agents in the Los Angeles Office to use Bureau automobiles as transportation to their homes when working late at night or early in the morning on surveillances. *Handwritten: handled*

Yes a very strong one. H.

3. I recommend that an SAC Letter go forward to the field with respect to the use of Bureau-owned automotive equipment for other than official purposes. *Handwritten: handled*

Yes.

Also censure Carson for his ignorance of what was going on in his office.

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*Letter of Censure to SAC Carson
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February 15, 1952

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I have reviewed the information submitted concerning the unsatisfactory habits of dress of an agent on special assignment under your supervision. It is noted that you took no corrective action notwithstanding the fact that you had observed that Special Agent Rollin A. Stanley's dress was definitely not neat and that due to his wearing of unpressed suits you refrained from utilizing his services on important interviews or on a more responsible assignment.

Although you indicated your intention to comment on Mr. Stanley's unsatisfactory appearance in a write-up regarding this agent's work on the Election Fraud special assignment, this did not relieve you of your responsibility to take immediate steps to discuss this matter with Agent Stanley so that this unsatisfactory condition might be corrected.

In the future I will expect you to exercise a higher degree of alertness to properly correct delinquencies of this nature and will hold you strictly accountable should you fail to do so.

Very truly yours,

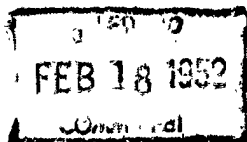
J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *V/m*

DATE: 2/21/52

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: R. B. HOOD
SAC, Washington Field
REQUEST FOR ANNUAL LEAVE

SAC Hood telephonically contacted me today and stated he was desirous of taking two weeks' annual leave from February 25 through March 7, 1952. He said he planned on going to Florida to join his wife who is visiting there with her family.

Mr. Hood stated that the special election laws investigation had been completed with the exception of the interview with former Senator Tydings and that Tydings is unavailable for interview and probably would not return for such interview until some time during the first week in March. Mr. Hood stated if Tydings came back any time while he was on leave he would return in order to handle this interview.

I discussed with the Director Mr. Hood's request and he stated it would be satisfactory for Mr. Hood to take the period of leave indicated. I have so advised Mr. Hood.

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ROLLIN ADOLPHUS STANLEY, SPECIAL AGENT
NON-VETERAN - NOT ON PROBATION
ATLANTA DIVISION
(Presently on Special Assignment with
SAC Hood in Baltimore, Maryland)

R. E. Hood

You will recall that Washington Field clerical employees [] reported that the captioned Agent's appearance one morning indicated heavy drinking and badly needed change of clothing. Clerk [] reported he thought Agent Stanley was staggering as he walked down the hall of the Washington Field Office. Pursuant to instructions, this matter was investigated by the writer on 2/6/52.

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Upon interview, [] stated that one morning between the 21st and 26th of January, 1952, Agent Stanley called by the Property Clerk's Office, Washington Field, at 9:15 a.m., to request that he be furnished with a notebook. [] indicated that Agent Stanley coughed while standing close to him and that he smelled whiskey on Stanley's breath. He stated that Stanley's eyes appeared bloodshot and that his suit needed pressing badly. He stated he couldn't be certain, however, he thought he observed Stanley staggering as he walked away from the Property Clerk's Office. [] stated he saw Agent Stanley 3 days later and he noted that Stanley was still wearing the same bedraggled suit of clothes.

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Clerk [] also a property clerk at the Washington Field Office, observed Stanley at the same time and date as reported by []. He made the same observations as [] with the exception that he did not smell whiskey on Agent Stanley's breath. He indicated that Stanley's appearance was so unlike the average Agent's appearance that he felt the impulse to ask him to exhibit his credentials in proof of the fact he was a representative of the Bureau. [] stated he refrained from doing this, however, inasmuch as he saw Stanley shortly thereafter going to SAC Hood's Office.

The Washington Field information desk reported that Stanley while in Washington resided at the Whitestone Hotel, 1101 - 16th Street, N.W. []. Interview

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with [] failed to reflect any information of a derogatory nature regarding Stanley. She stated she was certain she would have known of any heavy drinking or misconduct on Stanley's part, if such activity had been committed.

SAC R. B. Hood was interviewed in Baltimore regarding this matter. He stated that Stanley had been a member of his squad since the initiation of the squad. Hood indicated that the #1 register and #3 cards for the 10 Agents on this squad are maintained in his offices, both in Washington and in Baltimore and that he usually observed the 10 Agents on this squad as they signed in every morning. Furthermore, that he had been holding morning conferences with these Agents and had been working shoulder to shoulder with them for several weeks, and that Stanley's conduct had most certainly been nothing out of the ordinary. He stated he was positive that Stanley had never appeared at either the Washington or Baltimore Offices in a drunken condition. Furthermore, that if this Agent had been a heavy drinker after office hours, he felt he would have known about such a matter. SAC Hood stated that Stanley's dress was definitely not neat and that he had planned to include a notation to this effect in a write-up regarding Stanley's work on the Election Fraud Special Squad. He stated that due to Stanley's appearance, i.e., wearing of unpressed suits, he had refrained from assigning Stanley important interviews and had not considered him a logical choice for the position of squad leader.

SAC Hood stated that Stanley walks with a waddle, possibly due to weight, or possibly due to a recent operation involving his posterior and as a result might give anyone the impression there was a slight stagger to his walk. Hood stated that all Agents on his special squad lived at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore and there definitely had been no misconduct or heavy drinking at this hotel. He stated that Agent Stanley spent most of his time with Agent John W. Core and that Core might have additional information concerning Stanley's habits during evenings. Hood indicated that Agent Stanley appeared to be very conscientious, a hard-worker, and that his overtime averaged 5 hours, 23 minutes per day. He stated that other than Stanley's untidy habits in dress, he knew nothing derogatory concerning this Agent.

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The #3 cards of Agent Stanley were examined and were found to be in good order. Nothing unusual was noted which would indicate working habits not consistent with other Agents assigned to this squad.

Agent John W. Core stated that Agent Stanley was a quiet, unassuming Southerner, who possessed regular habits and definitely not the type of individual who would enter into activities inconsistent with his career as an FBI Agent. He stated that Stanley usually had one drink before dinner at night and on occasions had had one drink after dinner. He indicated that Stanley was usually the first Agent to retire out of the group of 10 Agents assigned to the special squad. Core stated he had observed nothing which would reflect discredit on the part of Stanley.

Upon interview, Stanley emphatically denied being a heavy drinker or having whiskey on his breath at any time while on duty. He stated that due to being away from his office of assignment he did not have many suits of clothes with him and that on occasions he wore the same suit for several days running. He stated that he realized his habits and dress weren't the best. This Agent also stated that he had recently had an operation which might cause his breath to be unpleasant. I pointed out to Agent Stanley that information had been received by the Bureau reflecting the possibility of his being under the influence of liquor while on duty, and that undoubtedly he could understand that untidiness and unpleasant breath could promote such an idea regardless of whether he had indulged in intoxicants or not. I suggested that he immediately adopt neater habits; furthermore, that he use some form of medication or gum in order to promote a more pleasant breath. I indicated to Stanley that the FBI was judged by the appearance and actions of its representatives and, therefore, he couldn't be too careful in making certain that his appearance and activities were up to par with other Bureau representatives. Stanley stated he appreciated this very frank advice and that he would mend his ways immediately.

OBSERVATIONS:

There is no evidence to indicate that Stanley is a heavy drinker or that he has been intoxicated while on duty.

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He has lapsed into the rut of being careless about his personal appearance. Stanley took his dressing-down very well and appeared to be very amenable to suggestions. He appears to be a plodding-type Agent, yet conscientious and a hard worker, as evidenced by his commendatory record of 5 hours and 23 minutes average overtime per day. SAC Hood had no complaint bearing on this Agent's performance. On the contrary, he felt that Stanley had sacrificed a considerable amount of his personal time in order to assist in bringing the Maryland Election Fraud case to a logical conclusion. As previously stated, SAC Hood indicated that he had intentions of bringing this Agent's personal appearance to his attention, both personally and in a final performance report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Agent Stanley receive a letter of censure, pointing out the necessity of maintaining a good personal appearance at all times.

SAC Hood should be censured for not discussing this matter with Agent Stanley prior to this time.

The SAC, Atlanta, should be instructed to keep a careful lookout on Stanley's personal appearance in the near future and indicate in this Agent's next efficiency report facts as to whether Stanley's appearance had improved or not.

A brief of Agent Stanley's personnel file is attached.

Attachment

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March 11, 1952

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau has carefully reviewed the administrative handling of the case entitled "Charles B. Moling, Bribery," and it appears that you failed to realize the importance of giving this matter constant and expeditious attention.

As you have been previously advised, the Bureau can anticipate additional complicated cases of this nature and they will of necessity have to be investigated on the basis of a short deadline.

In the future you are instructed to carefully watch the squad that handles Fraud Against the Government and Bribery cases and immediately reassign sufficient personnel to handle any important case that may arise in order that deadlines can be met. It is expected you will insure that such matters are promptly and properly handled in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

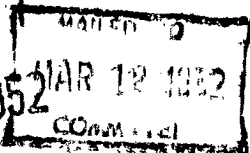
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Director

cc: WFO Personnel File (SOG)

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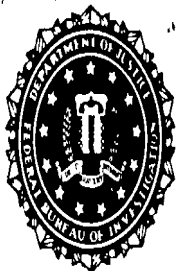
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 17, 1952

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: VOLUNTARY ADDITIONAL
WITHHOLDING TAXES

Dear Sir:

It is requested that, effective immediately,
the sum of \$14.00 be withheld from each salary check
for the remainder of the year 1952, this to be applied
to the present income tax withheld from each check.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD
SAC

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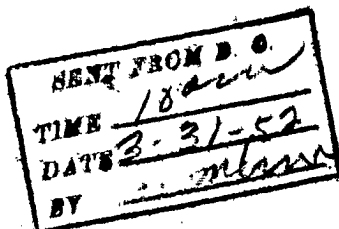
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On March 24, 1952, I saw Special Agent in Charge Richard B. Hood of the Washington Field Office who was attending the In-Service Training School. Mr. Hood is one of the older SAC's in the Bureau and he makes a very good personal appearance which I would class as excellent if he showed more animation in his conversation. However, he has acquired the poker face rather characteristic of some of our so-called old-timers.

I discussed with Mr. Hood generally several of the more pressing problems facing us in the administration of the Bureau, namely, the necessity for increasing informant coverage in both subversive and criminal fields; the necessity for reducing delinquencies in our field operations; the necessity for absolute thoroughness and complete coverage of all leads and aspects of any cases handled by the Bureau; and the need for materially tightening up the discipline of the Bureau, both in official conduct as well as personal conduct.

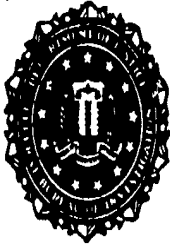
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

March 24, 1952



Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of \$10, payable to the Chief Clerk of the FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name HILDA F. HOOD Relationship Wife Date 3/24/52

Address 2480 - 16th St., N.W., Apt. 133, Washington, D.C.

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name HILDA F. HOOD Relationship Wife Date 3/24/52

Address 2480 - 16th St., N.W., Apt. 133, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Hood
Special Agent

MAR 28 1952
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: RICHARD B. HOOD

Where Assigned: WASHINGTON
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Rating Period: from 4/1/51 to 3/31/52

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Employee's
Initials

Rated by: W. R. GLAVIN ASSISTANT 3/31/52
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: Clyde A. Tolson ASSOCIATE 3/31/52
Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: W. R. Glavin Assistant Director JUN 3 1952
Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

- (x) Official
(x) Annual

- () Administrative
() 60-day
() Transfer
() Separation from service
() Special

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NARRATIVE COMMENTS

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Note: The regulations require that OUTSTANDING ratings be supported by a statement in writing setting forth IN DETAIL the performance IN EVERY ASPECT and the REASONS for considering each worthy of SPECIAL COMMENDATION. UNSATISFACTORY ratings must be supported by a statement in writing stating (1) WHEREIN the performance is unsatisfactory, (2) the facts of the (90 day) PRIOR WARNING, and (3) the efforts made AFTER THE WARNING TO HELP the employee bring his performance up to a satisfactory level.

PERFORMANCE RATING GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL

(For use as attachment to Performance Rating Form No. FD-185)

Name of Employee RICHARD B. HOODTitle SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGERating Period: from 4/1/51 to 3/31/52

RATING GUIDE AND CHECK-LIST

Note: Only those items having pertinent bearing on employee's performance should be rated. All employees in same salary grade should be compared. Rate items as follows:

- + Outstanding (exceeding excellent and deserving special commendation).
✓ Satisfactory (ranging from good to excellent but not sufficient to rate outstanding).
= Unsatisfactory.
0 No opportunity to appraise performance during rating period.

Guide for determining adjective rating:

An 'Outstanding' rating cannot be justified unless all elements rated are 'plus', and in addition, of course, supporting comments must comply with the requirements as set out below.

So far as 'Satisfactory' and 'Unsatisfactory' ratings are concerned, it is impossible to provide a mechanical formula for computing the various 'plus', 'check', and 'minus' marks because such would presume equal weight for all elements rated. Good judgment must be exercised to insure that the adjective rating is reasonable in the light of the elements rated. All minus marks must be supported by narrative detail, and of course, all 'Unsatisfactory' ratings must comply with the requirements as set out below.

- + (1) Personal appearance.
+ (2) Personality and effectiveness of his personal contacts.
+ (3) Attitude (including dependability, cooperativeness, loyalty, enthusiasm, amenability and willingness to equitably share work load).
+ (4) Physical fitness (including health, energy, stamina).
+ (5) Resourcefulness and ingenuity.
+ (6) Forcefulness and aggressiveness as required.
+ (7) Judgment, including common sense, ability to arrive at proper conclusions; ability to define objectives.
+ (8) Initiative and the taking of appropriate action on own responsibility.
+ (9) Planning ability and its application to the work.
+ (10) Accuracy and attention to pertinent detail.
+ (11) Industry, including energetic consistent application to duties.
+ (12) Productivity, including amount of acceptable work produced and rate of progress on or completion of assignments. Also consider adherence to deadlines unless failure to meet is attributable to causes beyond employee's control.
+ (13) Knowledge of duties, instructions, rules and regulations, including readiness of comprehension and 'know how' of application.
+ (14) Technical or mechanical skills.
+ (15) Investigative ability and results:
 + (a) Internal security cases
 + (b) Criminal or general investigative cases
 + (c) Fugitive cases
 + (d) Applicant cases
 + (e) Accounting cases
+ (16) Physical surveillance ability.

- + (17) Firearms ability.
+ (18) Development of informants and sources of information.
+ (19) Reporting ability:
 + (a) Investigative reports
 + (b) Summary reports
 + (c) Memos, letters, wires
 (Consider: + conciseness; + clarity; + organization; + thoroughness; + accuracy; + adequacy and pertinency of leads; + administrative detail.)
+ (20) Performance as a witness.
+ (21) Executive ability:
 + (a) Leadership
 + (b) Ability to handle personnel
 + (c) Planning
 + (d) Making decisions
 + (e) Assignment of work
 + (f) Training subordinates
 + (g) Devising procedures
 + (h) Emotional stability
 + (i) Promoting high morale
 + (j) Getting results
+ (22) Ability on raids and dangerous assignments:
 + (a) As leader
 + (b) As participant
+ (23) Organizational interest, such as making of suggestions for improvement.
+ (24) Ability to work under pressure.
+ (25) Miscellaneous. Specify and rate:

A. Specify general nature of assignment during most of rating period (such as security, criminal, applicant squad, or as resident Agent, supervisor, instructor, etc.): _____

B. Specify employee's most noteworthy special talents (such as investigator, desk man, research, instructor, speaker): _____

C. (1) Is employee available for general assignment wherever needs of service require? YES (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)
 (2) Is employee available for special assignment wherever needs of service require? YES (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)

D. Has employee had any abnormal sick leave record during rating period? _____ (If so, explain in narrative comments.)

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY

Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

RECEIPT FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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April 16, 1952

I certify that I have received the following Government property for official use:

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~~RETURNED~~
✓ INSPECTOR'S MANUAL # 272
(Issued April 7, 1952)

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INSPECTOR'S MANUAL # 52
(Issued May 21, 1945)

CHECK ONE: Destroyed in Field Office ✓
Returned to Bureau

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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT IN ANY WAY.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood, SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT:
 Stenographer, GS-4
 Washington Field Office

DATE: April 15, 1952

submitted her resignation to the Bureau under date of March 31, 1952, to be effective at the close of business April 10, 1952. She intended to proceed to Missouri to visit friends and relatives and thereafter join her parents in Arabia within a few weeks. Her voluntary resignation was accepted by letter dated 4/7/52.

On April 10, 1952, it was discovered that

An exhaustive search had failed to locate the missing material and although intended to leave Washington on the afternoon of April 11, she consented to remain in an effort to assist in clarifying this situation.

On April 15, 1952, telephonic inquiry was made of SAC Hood by SA Supervisor as to when full information concerning this matter would be received at the Bureau. SAC Hood advised that he had interviewed on April 14, and that several discrepancies in her story had been discovered.

SAC Hood advised that this employee was presently being interviewed by ASAC Fletcher and that upon completion of this interview full details of this situation would be submitted to the Bureau.

Subsequently, SAC Hood advised that had given a signed statement in which she admitted that

Mr. Hood stated that complete facts were being submitted to the Bureau immediately.

Attachment
 RGS:rfd

Memorandum
 Mr. Glavin
 4/17/52
 RGS/rfd

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RECOMMENDATION

This is being submitted for informational purposes. No recommendation is being made at this time and this matter will be handled upon receipt of full information from SAC Hood.

A PERMANENT BRIEF OF THE PERSONNEL FILE OF IS ATTACHED. ^{b6}
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W. H. Edwards

John

Give appropriate
attention

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June 11, 1952

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

You will recall that you recently suggested to Inspector J. A. Sizoo that the program of In-Service Training for Special Agents be adjusted to include a lecture on narcotics.

You will be glad to know that the Bureau carefully considered your proposal and has instructed that a discussion of narcotics be included in the lecture on laboratory matters.

Thank you very much indeed for your views as to the improvement of In-Service Training. Any further comments you wish to offer will be gratefully received.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

(Suggestion made orally to Mr. Sizoo).
Based on Exec. Conf. memo
6/6/52 HHC:IGS)

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Dyer

MR. GLAVIN

April 17, 1952

H. L. EDWARDS

[redacted]
Stenographer
Washington Field Office
Resigned effective 4/10/52

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You will recall that [redacted] submitted her resignation under date of 3/31/52 to be effective at the close of business 4/10/52. She intended to proceed to Missouri to visit friends and relative and thereafter, join her parents in Arabia within a few weeks. Her voluntary resignation was accepted by letter dated 4/7/52. The fanfold concerning this employee has not yet been forwarded to the Civil Service Commission and a stop has been placed so that this will not occur until it is desirable.

On 4/10/52 it was discovered that a number of case files which [redacted] had received dictation on were missing as well as the dictation which she stated had been completed. Although [redacted] had intended to leave Washington on 4/11/52 she consented to remain in Washington in an effort to clarify this situation.

INQUIRY BY WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SAC Hood advised that [redacted] was interviewed by him on 4/10/52 relative to the status of her work and the missing reports and files. She assured him that the matter had been typed by her and routed through the normal channels. After an exhaustive search had failed in finding the missing material, [redacted] was telephonically contacted on 4/11/52 and requested to be at Mr. Hood's office at 11:00 A.M. At that time she requested that this appointment be postponed until 12:00 noon at which time she was again interviewed by Mr. Hood and steadfastly maintained her previous position that the reports had been typed by her and routed through normal channels. [redacted] was packing her personal possessions at the time and she permitted [redacted] Stenographic Supervisor at the Washington Field Office, [redacted]

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Approved: [redacted]
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Memo to Mr. Glavin (continued)

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On 4/15/52 [redacted] was interviewed by ASAC Howard B. Fletcher and Special Agent Kenneth T. Delavigne and at that time she finally admitted that [redacted]

STATEMENT OF EMPLOYEE

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Memo to Mr. Glavin (continued)

SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS

Following the information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that she had destroyed this material. Special Agents Kenneth T. Delavigne, and T. F. Curry accompanied [redacted] to her residence and

Mr. Fred Miller of the Laboratory advised that an examination of the above material has not as yet been completed. He stated that it had not been possible to [redacted]

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FILES DESTROYED

SAC Hood furnished a list of [redacted]

SAC Hood advised that [redacted] is presently at the Hotel Evangeline but in the near future intends to leave for Missouri where she will visit for a few weeks with relatives and subsequently, will join her parents in Arabia.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION OF S. J. HOOD

SAC Hood advised that throughout the numerous interviews with this employee she displayed a cool, uninterested attitude and was not

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Memo to Mr. Glavin (continued)

the slightest bit nervous at any time and showed little emotion until 4/15/52 when she cried considerably. For the most part, she refused to discuss the details of her work during the past month.

SAC Hood recommended that although the Bureau has accepted this employee's resignation, that the records be amended and that she be dismissed from the service with prejudice for willfully having falsified reports and having destroyed official records.

Mr. Hood stated that this matter has been the subject of detailed discussions with Agent and Clerical Supervisors and the need for continued alertness even to intentional concealments on the part of employees has been emphasized.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

It is recommended:

(1) That the Bureau's record be amended and that this employee be dismissed from the service with prejudice for falsification of reports and willfully destroying official records.

(2) It appears probable that the acts of [redacted] in this instance were a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, section 1361, Destruction of Government Property; however, no further action on this particular point is recommended.

A PERMANENT BRIEF OF [redacted] PERSONNEL FILE IS ATTACHED.

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April 10, 1952

SAC, Washington Field

RE: RICHARD B. HOOD
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
General In-Service Course 3/21 to 4/1/52

Dear Sir:

The above-named Special Agent attended the above General In-Service Training Course at the Seat of Government and attained the following grades:

Notebook	Absent
Examination	Absent
Double Action Course	72
Practical Pistol Course	86
Shotgun (Skeet)	14
.30 Rifle	85
Machine Gun	76

The firearms grades with the exception of the Shotgun Skeet Course should be entered on the individual field firearms training record.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: SAC Richard B. Hood
Washington Field

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June 26, 1952

Mr. Tolson
6/27/52

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Today I saw Special Agent in Charge Richard B. Hood of the Washington Field Division. In talking with Mr. Hood, I learned that there was a very high delinquency in his Field Division in the handling of Communist matters. I think that this should be looked into at once to determine whether or not additional personnel should be assigned to his Field Office.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BY	W.C.B.

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AGENTS' EXAMINATION

INSPECTOR HARBO:

Following is a listing of Agents of the Washington Field Office and the grades received on tests afforded:

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>AGENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
✓ Hood, R. B., SAC	94	² Bromwell, W. Wade	93
Fletcher, H. B., ASAC	90	[REDACTED]	98
Brown, Edward Pierce	94	[REDACTED]	95
[REDACTED]	95	[REDACTED]	99
Grampp, Edward L.	97	[REDACTED]	97
Hayden, Albert C., Jr.	99	Buscher, Bernard E.	98
Hedges, Elsum G.	93	[REDACTED]	b6
[REDACTED]	96	Calabrese, Alphonse F.	b7C
Kurtzman, Robert H.	85	[REDACTED]	97
[REDACTED]	99	[REDACTED]	93
Payne, H. Dudley	96	[REDACTED]	95
Ryan, William C.	96	[REDACTED]	96
[REDACTED]	96	[REDACTED]	93
Tierney, Paul J.	98	Carr, Malcolm P.	89
Anders, Winfred H.	92	[REDACTED]	87
Anderson, Edward J.	95	Carter, Edgar L.	94
[REDACTED]	98	Cassidy, Fred J.	95
Armbruster, Edward J.	97	Cheney, Owen B.	94
¹ Atkinson, William H.	88	[REDACTED]	99
Austin, Maurice G.		Charles, Leonard D.	92
[REDACTED]		Chase, Donald W.	94
[REDACTED]		Cheek, Marion E.	99
Bates, Richard F.	94	[REDACTED]	94
[REDACTED]	94	[REDACTED]	99
Belter, Ernest H.	99	Clow, Kenneth A.	94
Bergeron, Wilfred L.	94	[REDACTED]	98
[REDACTED]	98	[REDACTED]	87
Boos, Julian H.	91	[REDACTED]	96
Bowers, Hollis W.	93	Connors, Joseph A., Jr.	99
[REDACTED]	99	[REDACTED]	96
Brennan, Charles D.		Cook, J. Bernard	100
Bridges, Desmond J.	92	[REDACTED]	88

1. In-Service between 5/12-6/2/52
2. Out of WFO on special assignment
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4. On SL during inspection

Inspection Report
Washington Field Office
Inspector HARBO

June 4, 1952

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Prepared by: *PC*
Checked by: *PC*
Filed by: *PC*

July 10, 1952

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am indeed pleased to advise you that you are being promoted from the position of Special Agent in Charge, \$11,800 per annum in Grade GS 15, to the position of Special Agent in Charge, \$12,200 per annum in Grade GS 16, effective July 20, 1952.

For your information, this promotion is temporary in accordance with Public Law #843, approved September 27, 1950.

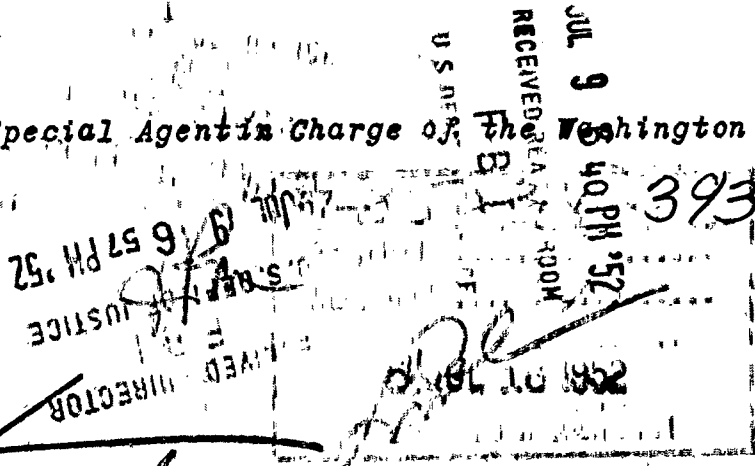
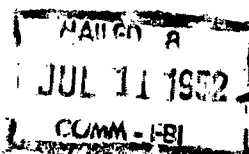
Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

CC: Mr. Cavanaugh
CC: Movement Section

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Mr. Hood is the Special Agent in Charge of The Washington Field Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Prepared by *[Signature]*
Checked by *[Signature]*
Initiated by *[Signature]*

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR., MISS, MRS., FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST) MR. RICHARD B. HOOD		2. DATE OF BIRTH 8-28-08	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO. F.B.I. 949	4. DATE 7-11-52
This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:				
5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY) PROMOTION		6. EFFECTIVE DATE 7-20-52	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY Schedule A Part 6.108 (2)	
FROM Special Agent GS 15 \$11,800 per annum		TO same GS 16 \$12,800 per annum		
8. POSITION TITLE		9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY		
10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS		11. HEADQUARTERS		
12. FIELD OR DEPT'L ☒ FIELD ☐ DEPARTMENTAL		12. FIELD OR DEPT'L ☒ FIELD ☐ DEPARTMENTAL		
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15. SEX M	16. RACE same	17. APPROPRIATION S. & E., FBI FROM: TO:	18. SUBJECT TO C.S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES-NO) yes	19. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)
20. LEGAL RESIDENCE California				
REMARKS The provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act of 1951 have been complied with. This promotion is temporary in accordance with Public Law 483, approved 9-27-50. The classification grade of this position is subject to post-audit and correction pursuant to Section 1310 of the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1952, Public Law 423, approved 11-1-51. 16 JUL 17 1952				
SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION <i>[Signature]</i>				



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
506 Old Post Office Building

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 14, 1952

PERSONAL

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Laughlin	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of July 10, 1952, advising of my promotion to Grade GS 16 has been received, and I am indeed appreciative of your having made it possible for me to receive it. The service is well aware of the fact that promotions to this grade are made possible only by reason of your continued interest in the well being of the employees and the respect with which you, personally, and the Bureau, as an organization, are regarded by the Congress. I shall continue to exert my best efforts to the Bureau's work.

Best wishes and kind regards!

Sincerely,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I have been advised of the details relating to the handling by you and agents of your division of the investigation entitled, [REDACTED] Riggs National Bank, Larceny of Brinks Armoured Truck, Washington, D. C. August 25, 1952; Bank Robbery - Larceny," and I can only reach the conclusion that the manner in which you carried out your responsibilities in this case was entirely inexcusable and most certainly not in keeping with the standard of performance which I must expect of executives of this Bureau.

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In view of the improper and totally unsatisfactory manner in which you supervised this investigation, you are being placed on probation and any similar derelictions on your part in the future will result in even more drastic action.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC: Washington Field Office File #806)

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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R. B. HOOD

I recommended the promotion to Grade GS 16 of 10 Special Agents in Charge of the larger and most important field offices.

Director notation "O.K."

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R. B. HOOD

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

ENTERED ON DUTY: September 24, 1934

SALARY: \$11,800

OFFICE OF PREFERENCE: None

EXAMINATION: 94

INSPECTOR HARBO:

SAC Hood is considered above average as an SAC and well qualified for his present assignment. During the inspection it was observed that he was well informed concerning the functioning of the office; he has made considerable improvement since taking charge in October, 1951, especially in the field of expanded training programs for the personnel and expansion of the Communist and espionage investigative coverage. The inspection disclosed a backlog of work in the unit which prepares forms used by Special Employees in making agency checks resulting in delays of 5 to 14 days in getting lead sheets prepared for use by Special Employees and delays ranging from 29 to 42 calendar days in reporting the results of agency checks to the Bureau after the information was received from the agency. This delay occurred in April and May and was eliminated during the inspection. SAC Hood explained the backlog was due to a shortage of clerical personnel during April and the first part of May.

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J. I. [Signature]
[Signature]

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Mr. Glavin

July 25, 1952

H. L. Edwards

SUPERVISORY ASSIGNMENTS
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

R. B. Hood

SAC Hood has requested approval of certain changes in supervisory assignments in the Washington Field Office occasioned by the resignation of one supervisor, the transfer of another supervisor, and the fact that the SAC feels the 2 present night supervisors in that office should be relieved of this duty due to the length of time they have been handling this assignment. Mr. Hood has further requested approval of an additional permanent Assistant Supervisor for Squad #2, which handles applicant matters. Approval of SAC Hood's recommendations would give the Washington Field Office a total supervisory staff of 15, including the SAC, ASAC, and the night supervisors. As of 6-30-52, that office had a total of 7843 pending cases, and during the month of June received 6532 and closed 8254. As of the same date, there were 333 Special Agents assigned to that office.

The supervisory changes recommended by SAC Hood are as follows:

SQUAD #2 (APPLICANT MATTERS)

SA Elsum G. Hedges is recommended to replace SA [] as Squad Supervisor in view of the latter's transfer to the Seat of Government. SA Hedges has previously been approved for full-time supervisory duties and has been serving as Assistant Supervisor of Squad #2.

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SA [] who has been serving as Relief Supervisor on this Squad, is recommended to fill the position of Assistant Supervisor which has been occupied by SA Hedges.

SA [] is recommended for approval as an additional Assistant Supervisor on this Squad. This would be a new full-time supervisory position.

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SA Joe M. Pearson is recommended for approval as Relief Supervisor of this Squad and the SAC has recommended that should SA Pearson be approved for this assignment, authority be granted to utilize him temporarily as a full-time supervisor in view of the large amount of pending work on this Squad.

It is noted that Squad #2 handles applicant matters consisting of Bureau, Departmental, and Atomic Energy Applicant cases. There are 2 approved regular full-time supervisors for this Squad and in addition, the SAC has, with Bureau authority, been temporarily using SAs [] and [] to assist the 2 regular supervisors on a full-time basis.

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Memo to Mr. Glavin - (Continued)

As of 6-30-52, there were 4373 pending cases in the classifications handled on this desk and during June, the desk received 4503 cases and closed 6280. There are 71 Agents and 27 Special Employees assigned to the Squad, exclusive of the supervisory personnel. The SAC has recommended that cases in the Departmental Applicant classification (of which 178 were pending as of 6-30-52) be transferred from Squad #2 to Squad #5 (which handles Loyalty of Government Employees and Internal Security - Hatch Act cases) in view of a recent decline in the case load being handled by Squad #5. It should be noted that this transfer would still leave 4195 pending cases on Squad #2 as of 6-30-52.

It is noted that during the inspection of the Washington Field Office which was recently completed by Inspector Harbo, no recommendations were made by the Inspector as to the need for additional supervisory personnel on Squad #2. However, it is pointed out that at the time of the inspection, SAs [] and [] were being temporarily used, with Bureau authority, to assist the 2 regular supervisor. SAC Hood has now recommended that an additional regular Assistant Supervisor be approved for this squad. This would give the Squad a total of 3 regular full-time supervisors (a Squad Supervisor and 2 Assistants) and would eliminate the use of the 2 Agents previously temporarily approved to assist the regular supervisors on this Squad.

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There are attached permanent briefs of the personnel files of SAs [] and [] who are recommended to be Assistant Supervisors of Squad #2, and who have not been previously approved as permanent full-time supervisors. There is also attached a permanent brief of the personnel file of SA Joe M. Pearson who is recommended to be a Relief Supervisor of this Squad. Pertinent information concerning these Agents is set out briefly as follows:

SA [] entered on duty as a Clerk on 7-6-42 and was appointed an Agent on 10-21-46. He is in Grade GS-12 at \$7040 per annum and has been in that grade since 4-15-51. His record is satisfactory and he has been rated excellent or above average since 1948. On 4-29-52, SAC Hood recommended him for personnel advancement. He has been approved as a Relief Supervisor in the Washington Field Office and is available for special or general assignment. His overtime for October, November, and December, 1950, was 24 minutes, 1 hour 41 minutes, and 2 hours 34 minutes respectively. During March, 1952, his daily overtime averaged 1 hour 28 minutes.

SA [] has been an Agent since 3-31-47, and is in Grade GS-12 at \$7040 per annum, having been reallocated to that grade 9-16-51. He was rated Very Good in 1950, and Satisfactory in 1951 and 1952. He was censured on 4-27-49 for submitting a report in an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement case which contained numerous obvious errors. On 11-27-51, he was censured for delay in setting out leads for other divisions in an applicant case. Although it was recog-

nized that this delay was due on a large part to the extent of his assignments at the time, it was felt that he should have secured relief from some of his other expedite work. On 4-29-52, SAC Hood submitted this Agent's name for long-range development and said he was the outstanding Agent on the Applicant Squad in the Washington Field Office. His overtime for October, November, and December, 1950, was 2 hours 10 minutes, 1 hour 40 minutes, and 2 hours respectively. During March, 1952, his daily voluntary overtime averaged 2 hours 3 minutes. He is available for general or special assignment.

SA Joe M. Pearson has been an Agent since 1-19-48, and is presently in Grade GS-12 at \$7040 per annum, having been reallocated to that grade on 4-27-52. He was rated Excellent on his annual report for 1950, Good on 7-22-50, in view of his recent reallocation, and Very Good on 9-18-50. He was rated Satisfactory in 1951 and 1952. His overtime for October, November, and December, 1950, was 16 minutes, 1 hour 30 minutes, and 1 hour 34 minutes respectively. During November, 1950, he and other Agents assigned to the FBI Laboratory were transferred to the Washington Field Office for a sixty-day temporary assignment in view of their low overtime during October, 1950. During March, 1952, his daily overtime averaged 1 hour 12 minutes.

SQUAD #6 (COMMUNIST MATTERS)

SA Edward Pierce Brown, an approved Relief Supervisor, is recommended to replace SA [redacted] as Supervisor of Squad #6 in view of the latter's resignation. It is contemplated by the SAC that approval of SA Brown for this position will be for a trial period of approximately 90 days.

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This Squad is supervised by one full-time supervisor and handles Communist matters such as the Security Index, Detcom, Comsad, and Cinrad programs. The number of pending cases on this desk is 617 and there are 37 Agents assigned to the Squad.

As reflected in the attached permanent brief, SA Brown has been an Agent since 5-12-47, and is in Grade GS-12 at \$7040 per annum, having been reallocated to that grade on 4-15-51. He was rated Very Good in 1950, and Satisfactory in 1951 and 1952. His overtime for October, November, and December, 1950, was 27 minutes, 1 hour 35 minutes, and 1 hour 23 minutes respectively. During March, 1952, his daily overtime averaged 1 hour 44 minutes. In the 1952 annual report submitted on this Agent, SAC Hood commented that SA Brown had shown definite aptitude for supervisory work and an outstanding aptitude for Communistic work, having handled important cases in a most commendable manner and being continually alert to make worthwhile suggestions for the improvement of handling security work. He is available for general or special assignment.

Memo to Mr. Glavin - (Continued)

NIGHT SUPERVISORS

SA Richard G. Hunsinger is recommended to replace SA [] as Supervisor on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift. The SAC commented that SA Webster has handled this shift for a considerable period of time and it is felt he should be relieved of it at this time. It is contemplated that SA Hunsinger will handle this assignment for the next 4 months, at which time another Agent will be recommended for this duty. As reflected in the attached permanent brief, SA Hunsinger has been an Agent since 12-1-47, is in Grade GS-12 at \$7040 per annum, and his record has been satisfactory. His daily average overtime for March, 1952, was 1 hour 11 minutes, and on 4-29-52 SAC Hood recommended him for personnel advancement, stating that he had indicated an above-average knowledge of Bureau policies and procedures and should be able to develop and handle a supervisory position.

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The SAC has recommended that SA Robert M. Horner be approved as night supervisor on the 4 p.m. to midnight shift replacing SA []. The SAC pointed out that SA Thompson has felt desirable to make a change. He has also recommended that SA Horner be approved as a Relief Supervisor on Squad #5 which handles Loyalty of Government Employees cases and Internal Security - Hatch Act cases. As reflected in the attached permanent brief, SA Horner entered on duty as a Typist on 1-19-38 and has been an Agent since 6-7-43. He is presently in Grade GS-12 at \$7440 per annum, and has been in that grade since 8-8-48. His record has been satisfactory and he was commended on 2-15-51 for his performance in the perjury case involving [].

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SAC Hood has submitted his name for personnel advancement and said he gives prospects of developing along supervisory lines. His daily average overtime for March, 1952, was 1 hour 15 minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

(1) That SA Elsun G. Hedges be approved as Squad Supervisor of Squad #2 to replace SA [] who has been transferred. It is noted that SA Hedges has previously been approved for full-time supervisory duties, and has been serving as Assistant Supervisor of this Squad.

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(2) That SA [] be approved to replace SA Hedges as Assistant Supervisor on Squad #2.

Memo to Mr. Glavin - (Continued)

(3) That an additional Assistant Supervisor be authorized on Squad #2 for a period of 90 days, at the expiration of which time the SAC should submit complete justification for the continuance of this position.

(4) That SA [] be approved for this additional Assistant Supervisor position. While the letters of censure directed to this Agent in 1949 and 1951 have been noted, it is felt that this is offset by his otherwise satisfactory record, his above-average voluntary overtime, and the comments of his SAC concerning his excellent ability and performance of duty.

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(5) That SA Joe M. Pearson not be approved as a Relief Supervisor at this time inasmuch as his record appears to be only average and in the past he has failed to assume an equitable share of the Bureau's work load, as evidenced by the fact that his overtime during October, 1950, was only 16 minutes perday.

(6) That SAC Hood be authorized to transfer cases in the Departmental Applicant classification from Squad #2 to Squad #5 in view of the recent decline in the work load being handled by Squad #5.

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(7) That SA Edward Pierce Brown be approved to replace former SA [] as Supervisor of Squad #6 (Communist matters) for a trial period of 90 days as suggested by the SAC.

(8) That SA [] be approved to handle the duties of Supervisor on the midnight to 8 a.m. shift for the next 4 months, as suggested by the SAC.

(9) That SA Robert M. Horner be approved as Night Supervisor on the 4 p.m. to midnight shift to replace SA [] and that SA Horner also be approved for relief supervisory duty on Squad #5, as requested by the SAC.

ATTACHMENTS (7)

~~CONFIDENTIAL & SENSITIVE~~

Memorandum to Messrs. C. A. Tolson
D. M. Ladd
L. B. Nichols
E. J. Tracy
H. H. Clegg
W. R. Glavin
A. H. Belmont
A. Rosen
B. T. Harbo
J. P. Mohr
G. C. Gearty
F. C. Holloman

By: SAC RICHARD B. HOOD
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

In view of the improper and unsatisfactory manner in which SAC Hood supervised the investigation of the case entitled, [REDACTED] Riggs National Bank, Larceny of Brinks Armoured Truck, Washington, D. C., August 25, 1952; Bank Robbery Larceny, he is being placed on probation by letter dated August 26, 1952.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

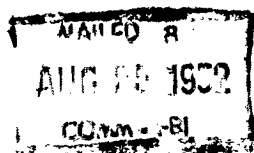
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 29, 1952

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: SAC R. B. HOOD
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

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In accordance with your instructions, I advised SAC Hood that you had called and that you were outraged at the manner in which he had handled the BRINKS investigation in Washington; that he, like too many other SACs, was too solicitous about the Agents and too little solicitous about the standing of the Bureau. I told him that the Director was outraged at the handling of this matter and instructed that Mr. Hood be placed on probation immediately and that I was advising him officially that he was being placed on probation.

I also told Mr. Hood that the Director desired an immediate explanation of such handling of this matter, which explanation is attached hereto.

I advised Mr. Glavin of your instructions and Mr. Glavin has arranged to have an immediate letter prepared putting Mr. Hood on probation at once.

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cc - Mr. Glavin

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Letter to SAC Hood
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LIST OF CERTAIN CRIMINALS (RECEIVED BY THE U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE) ON REENTRY

NAME	POSITION	DATE	REASON
Tracy, S.J.	Assistant Director	7-5-32	Delinquencies disclosed during inspection of the Identification Division.
Tamm, C.	Inspector	7-5-32	Delinquencies disclosed during inspection of the Identification Division.

Respectfully,

W.R. Glavin

CT:ACS

December 12, 1936.

**RICHARD B. HOOD - STENOGRAPHER -
CHARLOTTE DIVISION.**

Efficiency rating	EXCELLENT	11-1-36
Previous efficiency rating	88.2%	
Entered on duty	9-24-34	
Grade and salary	Car 10, \$3600	
Last salary change	7-1-36	
Previous test ratings:		
Rules & Regulations	97.38%	Training School
Instructions	95%	" "
Re-training School	97%	July, 1936.
Accounting course	Enrolled	
Marksmanship	Expert	

REMARKS

Mr. Lowdon states Hood is well informed; is quite intelligent and well educated; he has well developed powers of analyzation and comprehension; exercises a high degree of sense and tact; has shown considerable initiative, aggressiveness, and a real willingness to shoulder responsibility; he has the ability to turn out a large volume of work in a minimum time; is vigorous, energetic and tireless and his investigations and reports have been thorough and accurate. He is apparently well suited for all types of field work; he has a good personality; a splendid attitude; possesses considerable potential executive ability; he is a good witness; appears well qualified for dangerous assignments.

This agent was complimented especially by Mr. Lowdon on November 20, 1936, on his work in a fugitive case.

Agent Hood was assigned to Washington headquarters as a Supervisor in 1936 and on August 11, 1936, Mr. Tamm reported that he had made a conscientious effort to function in an outstanding manner and had rendered satisfactory services but there appeared to be something lacking in his makeup which precluded the possibility of his being considered as SAC timber. He stated this characteristic was a lack of a vigorous and aggressive attitude. Mr. Tamm felt the agent needed additional field experience.

The Director on August 8, 1936, after talking with this employee stated that he was somewhat young and immature in bearing but seemed to be a sincere and interested employee whose general attitude he thought was good.

On July 28, 1936, following a re-training course, Mr. Clegg reported as follows: "This employee gives the impression of being stolid and substantial and he seems to be qualified to carry a load like a draft horse, but not to have the finer points of a race horse. I do not believe that he possesses administrative ability, although I would consider him above the average as to capacity for developing into an excellent investigator. He does not appear to be a good mixer or a good contact man."

Mr. Hood is now assigned to the Training Division as a tutor.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend a \$100 promotion.

Clyde Tolson.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 26, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (91-669)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RIGGS NATIONAL BANK, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
LARCENY FROM BRINK'S, INC., ARMORED CAR,
AUGUST 25, 1952
BANK ROBBERY (LARCENY)

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Laughlin	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Re Bureau phone call this date.

During the evening of August 25, 1952, Agents JOHN D. MCKINNEY, DUKE R. TAYLOR, JR., JOHN H. POLKINHORN, LEO I. PROSISE, RICHARD F. BATES, [REDACTED] and MARVIN C. EVANS were at the Metropolitan Police Department interviewing persons in connection with the instant case. The four truck drivers, [REDACTED] also a [REDACTED] and, later, suspects [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed. The latter were brought to the Police Station about 10:15 P.M. by Detectives for questioning by Agents and Police. Agents TAYLOR, PROSISE, [REDACTED] and EVANS were engaged in interrogating the guards of the truck. Agent [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] and Agent BATES interviewed and took a signed statement from suspect [REDACTED]. Agent POLKINHORN interviewed suspect [REDACTED]. In his signed statement [REDACTED] denied any implication in the case and, outside of suspicion, there was nothing to tie him to it at that time, and he was very non-communicative. Suspect [REDACTED] told of having worked at the Shirley Super-Market in Arlington during the day of the offense, and denied any implication in it.

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I had talked numerous times during the evening with Agent MCKINNEY at Police Headquarters, the last time being at 12:45 A.M. At that time it was agreed that there appeared to be nothing further to be accomplished by continuing interrogation of [REDACTED] at this time, and the Police had agreed to hold both suspects for "investigation" until the following day when it was anticipated that an early morning line-up would be held for the purpose of showing the suspects to three known witnesses who had stated they had seen [REDACTED] during the week and which fact [REDACTED] denied. At the time of his last call, 12:45 A.M., MCKINNEY stated that Press representatives were still in the Police building and did not know the fact that the two suspects were there, and it was desired that the Press not learn of it. At that time, Agent ROBERT H. KURTZMAN, who was in the office with me, talked with MCKINNEY and advised him the prisoners could be taken downstairs to the cells without being observed by the Press. I talked with MCKINNEY after KURTZMAN and agreed that, in the absence of further work to do at that particular time, it would be satisfactory for the Agents to withdraw and meet me early in the morning in order that we could have a meeting before

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Director

Re: [redacted]

August 26, 1952

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the Police line-up and so that assignments could be given to other Agents lined up on this case on this date. It was a definite understanding that [redacted] would be locked up for the night. There was no reason apparent to me at the time, in view of the developments, to have Agent personnel remain at the Police Department during the night.

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I departed from the office for home at 12:55 A.M.

Earlier in the day, I had talked with ROBERT V. MURRAY, Chief of Police, as well as with Inspector [redacted], and had been assured that the Department was going to cooperate to the fullest extent in this investigation, and a meeting was scheduled to be held with them early on the morning of August 26, 1952.

Lieutenant [redacted] was in charge of the Police Detail during the night, and he had assured Agent MCKINNEY that, while he was going home if he received any information of developments, he had instructed that if anything occurred he was to be informed and the Agent was to be advised.

It was my understanding from Agents MCKINNEY, TAYLOR and POLKINHORN that there was no intention of the Police Department using the lie detector on [redacted] during the night. In fact, the Police Technician had gone home and earlier thoughts of Police to use the polygraph on the BRINK's messengers had been abandoned because of the fact they had been interrogated so long. The polygraph was used on [redacted] of Chicago, who came here with [redacted] of BRINK's from Chicago. Following his interrogation by this method, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] talked to [redacted] further and about 5:30 A.M., [redacted] agreed to show them where he had hidden the loot. The officers went directly to the place with him and recovered the money. After their return to Police Headquarters, a call was made to Chief MURRAY and about 6:45 A.M., he was advised of this development, and he immediately informed Special Agent THOMAS J. JENKINS, of this office, who informed me immediately, whereupon Agents MCKINNEY, TAYLOR and KURTZMAN were instructed to proceed to the Police Headquarters at once and meet me there. The Bureau Night Supervisor was also advised immediately. MURRAY had advised Agent JENKINS that no release would be made until Bureau representatives reached the Police Department.

Director

Re: [redacted]

August 26, 1952

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I had a lengthy discussion at Headquarters with MURRAY, and informed him of my displeasure of the Bureau's not being promptly notified of the developments as they occurred during the early morning hours, and he assured me that it was his personal desire and instruction that the Bureau be informed of any and all developments in the case, and he stated that it certainly was not the way that he would have handled it or desired it to be handled. The Detectives have been severely reprimanded by MURRAY for their failure to notify this Bureau as well as their own commanding officers of developments. Inspector [redacted] and Lieutenant [redacted] were not informed of these developments during the morning by Detectives [redacted]

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It was with my permission that when the Agents concluded the interviews at the Police Department at approximately 1:45 A.M., they would cease duty in the absence of any leads that could reasonably be covered at that hour. The Agents actually signed off work between 1:10 and 1:30 A.M. No other employees were working on the case after 1:30 A.M.

Edw. J. H.
Certainly every effort was made by the Agents and by me to see that this matter was handled to the Bureau's satisfaction, and it is regretted that the unforeseeable development was not covered.

With reference to your specific inquiry as to why we were satisfied with [redacted] story, I wish to state we were not satisfied with it; however, we could not disprove his innocence at that particular time. He was a prime suspect, and we certainly considered checking him to the limit and reinterviewing him, but nothing was being accomplished by further interrogation at that time.

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With reference to your inquiry concerning the consideration of the use of the lie detector on [redacted] at that time, I wish to state that I did not consider its use would be legal after lengthy interrogation. The Bureau's acceptance of the use of a polygraph is a very questionable one, according to my understanding, and I would not recommend its use except under conditions that would be most favorable to the Bureau from a legal point of view. Such circumstances did not appear to exist at 12:45 A.M. after the prisoner had been questioned since 10:15 P.M. and, accordingly, I did not submit the question to the Bureau.

*Hood was not as meticulous
when he tapped [redacted] Cohen's
house in S.C. for S.A. Parker.*

Director

Re:

August 26, 1952

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It was not a question of convenience to personnel that determined the assignment being terminated at approximately 1:00 A.M., but that there was no further action that we could take at the moment; the prisoner was to be incarcerated for the night and any need for retaining personnel there was not apparent.

REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME HOOD, RICHARD B.		2. GRADE AND COMPONENT OR POSITION	3. IDENTIFICATION NO. FBI
4. HOME ADDRESS (Number, street or RFD, city or town, zone and State)		5. PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION Evaluation	6. DATE OF EXAMINATION 9-5-52
7. SEX M	8. RACE W	9. TOTAL YRS. GOVT. SERVICE MILITARY CIVILIAN	10. DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR SERVICE WFO
11. ORGANIZATION UNIT			
12. DATE OF BIRTH 8-28-08	13. PLACE OF BIRTH Penna.	14. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
15. EXAMINING FACILITY OR EXAMINER, AND ADDRESS NNMC - Bethesda, Md.		16. OTHER INFORMATION	

17. RATING OR SPECIALTY		TIME IN THIS CAPACITY: TOTAL	LAST SIX MONTHS
CLINICAL EVALUATION		NOTES.—Describe every abnormality in detail. (Enter pertinent item number before each comment; continue in item 73 and use additional sheets if necessary.)	
NORMAL	ABNOR- MAL		
☒	☐	18. HEAD, FACE, NECK, AND SCALP	
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☒	☐	20. SINUSES	
☒	☐	21. MOUTH AND THROAT	
☒	☐	22. EARS—GENERAL (Int. & ext. canals) (Auditory acuity under items 70 and 71)	
☒	☐	23. DRUMS (Perforation)	
☒	☐	24. EYES—GENERAL (Visual acuity and refraction under items 69, 80, and 81)	
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☒	☐	26. PUPILS (Equality and reaction)	
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☒	☐	31. ABDOMEN AND VISCERA (Include hernia)	
☒	☐	32. ANUS AND RECTUM (Hemorrhoids, fistulas) (Prostate if indicated)	
☒	☐	33. ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	
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☒	☐	35. UPPER EXTREMITIES (Strength, range of motion)	
☒	☐	36. FEET	
☒	☐	37. LOWER EXTREMITIES (Except feet) (Strength, range of motion)	
☒	☐	38. SPINE, OTHER MUSCULOSKELETAL	
☒	☐	39. IDENTIFYING BODY MARKS, SCARS, TATTOOS	
☒	☐	40. SKIN, LYMPHATICS	
☒	☐	41. NEUROLOGIC (Equilibrium tests under item 70)	
☒	☐	42. PSYCHIATRIC (Specify any personality deviation)	
Females only		(Check how done)	
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19: S. Dev. septum: Hyp. lower turbinates and L. middle Turb. N. C. D

31: Enlarged ing rings 2plus, with impulses on left-No Hernia-N. C. D

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(Continue in item 73)

44. DENTAL (Place appropriate symbols above or below number of upper and lower teeth, respectively)																REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL DENTAL DEFECTS AND DISEASES			
O—Restorable teeth I—Nonrestorable teeth																X—Missing teeth XXX—Replaced by dentures		(X X S)—Fixed bridge, brackets to include abutments	
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45. URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.010			46. CHEST X-RAY (Place, date, film number, result)			47. SEROLOGY (Specify test used and result)		
ALBUMIN N	SUGAR N	MICROSCOPIC N	Neg 29910C			12 SEP 22 1952		
48. EKG Normal E. C. G. 25			49. BLOOD TYPE AND RH FACTOR BT="O"rh pos.			50. OTHER TESTS		

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MEASUREMENTS AND OTHER FINDINGS											
51. HEIGHT 69"		52. WEIGHT 172		53. COLOR HAIR Blonde		54. COLOR EYES Blue		55. BUILD: SLENDER ☒ MEDIUM ☐ HEAVY ☐ OBSE ☐		56. TEMP. N 98.6	
57. BLOOD PRESSURE (Arm at heart level)						58. PULSE (Arm at heart level)					
SITTING SYS. 114 DIAS. 70		RECUM-BENT SYS. DIAS.		STANDING (3 min.) SYS. DIAS.		SITTING 86		AFTER EXERCISE 98		2 MIN. AFTER 86	
59. DISTANT VISION				60. REFRACTION				61. NEAR VISION			
RIGHT 20/40		CORR. TO 20/20		BY S.		CX		CORR. TO		BY	
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62. HETEROPHORIA: (Specify distance) ES* EX* R. H. L. H. PRISM DIV. PRISM DIV. PD											
63. ACCOMMODATION RIGHT LEFT				64. COLOR VISION (Test used and result) Norm AOC 1940				65. DEPTH PERCEPTION (Test used and score) UNCORRECTED CORRECTED			
66. FIELD OF VISION				67. NIGHT VISION (Test used and score)				68. RED LENS		69. INTRAOCULAR TENSION	
70. HEARING		71. AUDIOMETER						72. PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOMOTOR (Tests used and score)			
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LEFT WV /15 SV 15/15		RIGHT LEFT									

73. NOTES (Continued) AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

Pneumonia-(2)-N. C. D.
 Measles
 Mumps
 Chicken Pox
 Tonsillectomy-1928-N. C. D.
 Hemorrhoidectomy-1951-N. C. D.
 Eczema in left ear- Not noticed at this exam- N. C. D.

(Use additional sheets of plain paper if necessary)

74. SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES (List diagnoses with item numbers)

#59 Defective vision- corr. to 20/20-N. C. D.

75. RECOMMENDATIONS--FURTHER SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify)						76. PHYSICAL PROFILE					
						P U L H E S					
77. EXAMINEE (Check) ☒ IS QUALIFIED FOR strenuous duty and use of firearms. ☐ IS NOT						PHYSICAL CATEGORY					
78. IF NOT QUALIFIED, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS BY ITEM NUMBER						A B C I					
79. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN						SIGNATURE F. B. Eveland					
80. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN						SIGNATURE					
81. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF DENTIST OR PHYSICIAN (Indicate which)						SIGNATURE A. T. Smith Cdr. DCUSN					
82. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF REVIEWING OFFICER OR APPROVING AUTHORITY						SIGNATURE NUMBER OF ATTACHED SHEETS					

Mr. Glavin

September 3, 1952

H. L. Edwards

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[redacted]
Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C.
Larceny from Brink's Incorporated
Armored Car on 8-25-52;
Bank Robbery - Larceny

HANDLING OF THIS CASE BY WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At 2:00 p.m. on 8-25-52, SAC R. B. Hood of the Washington Field Office was telephonically advised by Brink's Incorporated that \$65,000 had disappeared or been stolen from one of their armored cars in the vicinity of the Wardman Park Hotel. The larceny occurred while the guards and drivers were eating lunch. The Metropolitan Police Department was immediately advised by SAC Hood and an investigation was instituted. A squad of agents was dispatched to the reported scene of the larceny at the Wardman Park Hotel under the supervision of SA Robert H. Kurtzman. Kurtzman was supervisor acting for ASAC Fletcher during latter's absence on leave. SA John D. McKinney was dispatched to the Brink's Incorporated headquarters and he subsequently proceeded to police headquarters where he took charge of a detail of agents to interview the driver, guards, and any other suspects that might be developed.

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Predicated on information furnished by Mayor [redacted] of the Washington Police Department, [redacted] was brought into police headquarters as a suspect at approximately 10:15 a.m. on August 25, 1952. Agents and police officers questioned [redacted] the guards and driver and another suspect, [redacted] SA Richard F. Bates interviewed subject [redacted] and took a signed statement from him in which he denied any implication in the case. SAC Hood states that he talked to the agents on this case during the day, and at various times during the evening had talked with Agent John D. McKinney who was in charge of the squad at the police department. The last time he talked to Agent McKinney was at approximately 12:45 a.m. on 8-26-52. It was concluded by SAC Hood at this time that nothing further could be accomplished and it would be satisfactory for the agents to discontinue their interrogation and resume early the next morning, 8-26-52, prior to the police lineup. Mr.

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Personnel File of SA Richard F. Bates
Personnel File of SA John D. McKinney

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Hood stated that an early morning lineup was planned by the police in order that the suspects could be shown to certain witnesses.

The agents departed from Police Headquarters at approximately 1:15 a.m. on 8-26-52. Sometime thereafter, two detectives of the Metropolitan Police Detective Squad talked to [] he confessed and agreed to show them where he had hidden the money stolen from the Brink's armored car. The officers then went with [] and recovered the money at Glen Echo, Maryland, where it had been buried. Thereafter, the detectives returned to police headquarters and called Chief of Police Murray at approximately 6:45 a.m. Chief Murray then advised the Washington Field Office.

STATEMENT OF SAC HOOD

SAC Hood advised that on the evening of 8-25-52, he did not proceed to the Police Department to handle this case inasmuch as it did not appear necessary in connection with the early interviews of the Brink's guards. Later, when suspect [] was brought in for questioning, SAC Hood also did not believe it necessary for him to go to the Police Department and in his judgment, the first thing to be done was to have [] and other suspects interrogated thoroughly by agents already at the Department for that very purpose.

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SAC Hood advised that he had designated Agent John D. McKinney as the group leader of the agents assigned to the Police Department because of his 12 years of experience, his handling of criminal informants in the Washington area, and in view of the fact that he was in regular touch with the police and knew them well. He felt that Agent McKinney was qualified to direct the interviews at Police Headquarters. As matters stood at the time, it was SAC Hood's judgment that his presence at the Police Department was not made necessary by the developments. Otherwise, he most certainly would have been there. Mr. Hood states that the actual supervision of this case from its inception was handled by him, and that he was not away from his office from the time the call was received at 2:00 p.m. on 8-25-52 until 12:55 a.m. on 8-26-52.

STATEMENT OF SA JOHN D. MC KINNEY

Agent McKinney, in his statement, advises that at approximately 10:00 p.m., suspect Farmer was brought to Police Headquarters for questioning by agents and detectives. This interview was handled by Agent Richard F. Bates and Detective Sergeant []. Also, at approximately 10:00 p.m. according to Agent McKinney, representatives of Brink's Incorporated, including a polygraph expert, came to Police Headquarters and discussed the case with Inspector [] and Agent McKinney. They requested permission to give polygraph tests to their employees when all questioning had been completed by agents and police. After clearing with SAC Hood, it was agreed that since employees of Brink's

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were involved, there would be no objection to the tests after the interrogations were finished and provided the Police Department and the Bureau were furnished with any information developed from these tests. At the completion of the interviews with the Brink's employees at approximately 12:15 a.m. the Brink's officials advised Agent McKinney that the employees were considered too tired and weary to obtain a correct recording through the use of the polygraph and accordingly, would make such tests at the Brink's office at 9:00 that morning 8-26-52.

The interview with suspect [] was completed at approximately 12:40 a.m. on 8-26-52, and in view of the negative developments, Lieutenant Albert B. Hitt of the Police Department suggested that the suspects be given a lie detector test after the police lineup the next morning, commenting upon the tired conditions of the suspects and the failure of the polygraph machine to register under such conditions. Arrangements were then made by Lieutenant Hitt to hold [] and the other suspect, [] in the #1 Precinct cell block for the night. According to Agent McKinney, all of these matters were discussed with SAC Hood who informed him that in view of developments, the agents were to return to the office and be prepared to meet with him early in the morning. McKinney departed from Police Headquarters at approximately 1:15 a.m. and signed out for home at 1:30 a.m. on 8-26-52. b6 b7C

Agent McKinney, in his statement, also pointed out that he later learned that while preparing to take [] to the cell block for the night, [] was engaged in a conversation as to whether or not he objected to a polygraph test. [] agreed to take such a test, which was given by [] of Brink's Incorporated, assisted by Detective Sergeant []. Thereafter, Detective [] and another detective, Sergeant [] talked with [] relative to the polygraph test. At approximately 3:30 a.m., Lieutenant [] left the department and upon arriving home called his office at 3:10 a.m., at which time he informed detectives [] and [] that if anything developed he was to be immediately notified, further, that the FBI was also to be immediately notified. Lieutenant [] received no information until 7:00 a.m. 8-26-52 when he learned that [] had confessed around 5:30 a.m. that morning and the two detectives had recovered the money. Inspector [] also advised Agent McKinney that he first learned of this development at 6:45 a.m. 8-26-52 when his office called him and he was most concerned with regard to detectives [] and [] having proceeded with the investigation to recover the money without advising of the "new development." b6 b7C

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STATEMENT OF AGENT RICHARD F. BATES

Agent Bates in his statement advises that he and Detective Sergeant [] interviewed [] on 8/25/52 from 10:45 p.m. until 12:45 a.m. the next morning, at which time [] signed a statement declaring he had not been in the area of the Wardman Park Hotel between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 8/25/52. He denied having anything to do with the robbery of the Brink's truck at the Wardman Park Hotel during this period. Agent Bates states that at the conclusion of the interview at 12:45 a.m., [] stated he was tired from working all day and indicated he knew nothing about the robbery. It was concluded that in view of [] apparent weariness and since he was not furnishing any information, the interview should be concluded. It was to be resumed the next morning after obtaining any additional investigative information. Bates was thereafter instructed by SA John D. McKinney to go home at approximately 12:55 a.m. and report back to the office the next morning. b6 b7C

STATEMENTS OF OTHER AGENTS

Statements were also obtained from the following Special Agents assigned to the Washington Field Office, constituting the balance of the squad assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department to interview Brink's employees and suspects in this case. It is noted that none of these agents participated in the interview of [] b6 b7C

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[]
Marvin C. Evans
John H. Polkinhorn
Leo I. Prosser
Duke R. Taylor, Jr.

PROTEST TO MAJOR [] METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

On August 27, 1952, Assistant Director Clegg strongly protested the actions of representatives of the Police Department in breaching their agreement with agents of the Bureau to interview suspect [] jointly, and the fact that it was also agreed to discontinue the interview of [] during the early morning of 8/26/52; however, after the Bureau agents had left the Police Department, detectives continued to interview [] and around 6:00 a.m. when he confessed and the money was recovered in nearby Maryland. It was pointed out to Major [] by Assistant Director Clegg that this breach of agreement was an insult to the agents, embarrassing to b6 b7C

those working on the case with the Police Department, and that the FBI felt that the Police Department had let the Bureau down. Accordingly, Mr. Clegg informed Major [] that this was something that would not be easily forgotten for a long time and as a consequence of their lack of cooperation, we would be able to accept no further members of their department in the FBI National Academy.

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The recommendation made by Mr. Clegg that future action of the Bureau with respect to cooperation with the Metropolitan Police Department be based on the future actions of the Police Department was approved by the Director.

Major [] in addition to expressing his deep regret to Mr. Clegg later talked to Agent T. J. Jenkins of the EFO. He reiterated his regrets, stating he appreciated in no small way what the Director had done for him in the past. Major [] stated he had severely reprimanded the police officers involved and reissued instructions relative to his insistence that they cooperate with the Bureau in all investigations. Also that more personal control would be exercised over such cases in the future. He advised Agent Jenkins there was no doubt that the Bureau should have been informed of the break in this case and repeated his earnest desire to maintain cooperation with the Bureau.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST SAC HOOD

On August 26, 1952 SAC Hood was censured and placed on probation for his failure to afford proper supervision to this case.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Investigative Division recommends that SA John D. McKinney, who was in charge of the squad of agents assigned to the Police Department, receive a letter of censure, inasmuch as he should have been alert to the possibilities with Brink's employees lurking around the Police Department.

The Investigative Division also recommends that SA Richard F. Bates, who secured a negative statement from [] just prior to the police getting their confession from him, be censured for the lack of thoroughness and non-productive nature of the interview.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

This division concurs in the recommendations that Agents McKinney and Bates receive letters of censure for their failure

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to be more alert to the developments as they actually occurred in this case and for their inability to realize the possibility that the Police officers and Frink's representatives were remaining at Police Headquarters after they had left and might continue to question suspect [redacted] and others. More severe action is not recommended since it is noted that SAC Hood instructed McKinney to discontinue work on the case for that night at approximately 12:45 a.m. and that he, in turn, instructed Bates to discontinue his phase of the investigation. b6 b7C

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THE FILES OF MCKINNEY AND BATES ARE ATTACHED.

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September 24, 1952

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

The improper manner in which your office recently handled the case entitled [redacted] Impersonation," has come to my attention. It was noted that approximately fifteen days elapsed between the time a request was received by your office from the Department for a supplemental investigation in this case, which necessitated that certain information be obtained by the Los Angeles Office, before that office was requested, in an investigative report, to conduct the investigation. It should have been apparent to the supervisor in your office responsible for this matter that the particular circumstances surrounding this case demanded its expeditious handling, and that therefore, the Los Angeles Office should have been instructed either by an air mail letter or by teletype to expedite its inquiry.

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The manner in which this case was handled indicates that you are not affording adequate supervision to the supervisors in your office to see that they are exercising the care and attention to detail necessary to properly discharge their responsibilities. In the future I desire that you personally pay closer attention to the investigative operations of your office in order to avoid the repetition of such a delinquency.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *[initials]*
 FROM : M. A. Jones *[initials]*
 SUBJECT: SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS
 SAC RICHARD B. HOOD
 WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

DATE: October 24, 1952

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In accordance with the Director's request there is set forth a survey of the speeches made by Special Agent in Charge Hood in Washington, D. C., and those made by Bureau speakers in the same area. The Director desired to know how many speeches Special Agent in Charge Hood had handled and an explanation as to why he was not given additional speeches.

SPEECHES HANDLED BY SAC HOOD:

Mr. Hood assumed the duties of Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Division on October 4, 1951.

His first speech was on November 27, 1951, before the Retail Credit Association in Washington, D. C. Since that date he has handled six additional speaking engagements including such organizations as the Woman's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Trucking Association, and the Association of Purchasing Agents. This total also includes a speech before the B'nai B'rith at Arlington, Virginia.

FUTURE SPEAKING COMMITMENTS:

SAC Hood is being assigned to speak before the Exchange Club of Washington on January 27, 1953.

HANDLING OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN THE WASHINGTON AREA:

Since SAC Hood arrived in Washington on October 4, 1951, there have been a total of 226 speeches made in Washington area (includes nearby Arlington, Virginia, Montgomery County, Maryland, and Prince Georges County, Maryland). With very few exceptions, these speeches have been made by Agents assigned to the Crime Records Section. For example, thus far in 1952, Special Agent B. M. Suttler has made 34 speeches, Special Agent [redacted] has made 21, Special Agent E. C. Kemper has made 18, and Special Agent A. V. Hart has made 13.

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POLICY IN REGARD TO HANDLING OF SPEECHES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.:

In accordance with the Director's question as to why additional speeches were not given Mr. Hood, we would like to point out the following factors:

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

October 24, 1952

(1) During the months of January, February, and March, 1952, SAC Hood was assigned to the Tydings-Butler election case at Baltimore, Maryland, and was not available for speeches.

(2) Many of the speaking engagements handled by Agents from the Crime Records Section are by special invitation. While we have not kept statistics on this point, many times Agents in Crime Records will make a speech which will in turn generate another speech with a specific request being made for that particular Agent.

(3) SAC Hood has been assigned speeches which were considered of major importance and where it was felt that his handling the address would be of benefit to the investigations in his field office; for example, his speech before the District of Columbia Trucking Association.

(4) It should be noted further that quite a number of the Washington speeches have been groups such as local PTA and grade or high school assemblies. Many of these speeches have been handled by the newer Agents in the Crime Records Section, primarily for giving them training and experience in appearing before the public. It is not felt that the Washington Field Office would secure much benefit through the handling of an engagement of this type by Mr. Hood.

Mr. Hood will be given more speeches in the future.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 29, 1952

Attached are leave slips from SAC
Hood, Washington Field, who has
requested four days' leave,
beginning November 10 through
November 14.

Attachment
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Mr. Ladd ☒
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October 1, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following Special Agent in Charge is presently on probation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
R. B. Hood	Washington Field	8/26/52	6/20/52	_____	Because of the improper and unsatisfactory manner in which he supervised the investi- gation of the case entitled, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Riggs National Bank, larceny of Brinks Armoured Truck, Washington, D. C., August 25, 1952; Bank Robbery Larceny."

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (INCLUDING SECTION CHIEFS) ON PROBATION

None

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin

SAC, Washington Field

10/24/52

Director, FBI

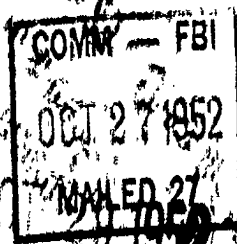
SUGGESTED DICTATION ASSIGNMENT FORM

Reurlet dated 10/17/52.

The Bureau has considered your suggested dictation form. Although it has some merit, it is believed its use would not be justified. It is felt a routing slip would serve the same purpose. Creation of new forms, unless essential, must be kept to a bare minimum because of the added expense they entail.

Your interest in forwarding this idea to the Bureau is appreciated.

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SAC, WFO

October 16, 1952

Director, FBI

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[redacted] Clerk

The Bureau desires an explanation from you for your failure to submit a special performance rating on the above-named employee together with your recommendation as to whether she should be removed from probation. The report was due 8-6-52, and your office was reminded 9-26-52.

The rating along with your explanation should be submitted immediately.

WSH:jd
[initials]

CC: Personal file of SAC Richard B. Hood
CC: Personal file of Clerk [redacted] ✓

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

My attention has been directed to the most unsatisfactory handling by your division of the Fugitive - Deserter investigation involving Merrill J. Miller, and I noted that although this was a fugitive investigation you permitted the case to be unassigned for more than two months. This was in direct violation of a well-established Bureau requirement that investigative leads in fugitive cases must be covered within thirty days.

Your disregard of the Bureau rule covering such investigations was inexcusable and any repetition of it will not be tolerated. I expect you to personally see to it that such cases are handled in accordance with the prescribed regulation, and you will be held personally accountable in the event there should be any similar failure in the future on the part of your office.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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November 12, 1952

Mr. Richard H. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am writing at this time to commend you, and through you the personnel of the Washington Field Office, for the splendid response to the Community Chest Drive in your division. I am most gratified at the results.

The generosity and the spirit of teamwork demonstrated on this occasion are typical of the qualities with which FBI employees are constantly meeting and exceeding the high standards set for them. Please convey my appreciation to all who participated in this very worthy program.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc: Personnel file of SAC Hood
Washington Field Office File - SOG

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November 14, 1952

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

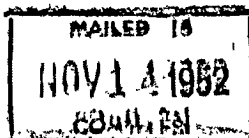
I have recently learned of the breach of security which occurred in your office when information from the office indices was given to an individual who had not been properly identified to the employee furnishing the information. I feel that you were clearly at fault in this instance for failing to personally assure to your complete satisfaction that the security measures in your office were adequate, as well as for failing to see that the proper steps had been taken, particularly with regard to detailed instructions to employees, to provide for complete security.

I want you to know that I am greatly concerned over an incident such as this which, as you no doubt are aware, could result in embarrassment or other serious consequences. Accordingly, I shall expect that in the future you will personally afford closer supervision to the matter of security in your office as a further breach of this nature cannot be tolerated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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November 26, 1952

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am very gratified at the splendid fashion in which the Fraud Against the Government case involving Peyton Ford, and others, was handled by the Washington Field Office. I want to take this means of expressing to you, personally, and through you to the personnel who participated in this matter my sincere appreciation.

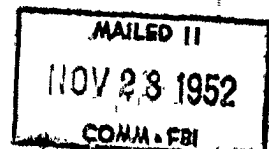
I am mindful of the fact that this investigation required very careful planning and the utilization of considerable tact and diplomacy. It is such performance as this which has earned for the FBI its present enviable record and reputation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. TOLSON

DATE: 11/7/52

FROM : MR. CLEGG *V. m*SUBJECT: SECURITY OF INFORMATION
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Background: Inspector [] using the name of [] Washington Field Office Agent, who had no connection with this office and whose whereabouts were unknown to [] called from a pay phone on November 3 and was able to get a check of the Washington Field Office indices while staying on the line. [] success indicates the possibility other unauthorized individuals could ascertain whether there is a record of a person in FBI files. An explanation was requested from Chief Clerk Ferguson and Chief Clerk Marguerite McManus and [] Hood, all Washington Field. Instructions have gone out to all SAs regarding office security.

Details: Attached memorandum from [] who has furnished information from the indices to Inspector [] advises the degree of precaution taken by her was customary procedure in Washington Field Office. That there was no doubt in her mind as to the official identity of Agent [] (the name used by Inspector [] and she did not question the caller. Memo of explanation is attached.

Chief Clerk Marguerite McManus in memorandum of explanation states she was at fault in not instructing employees in detail as to the method for completely verifying the identity of the caller under all circumstances. Memo of explanation is attached.

SAC Hood admittedly had not assured himself that adequate safeguards had been established in the Washington Field Office to provide adequate security. Hood has in the past instructed the Chief Clerk to be certain employees were taking proper precautions in answering inquiries. He states he felt due precaution was being exercised, now sees it was insufficient, has now issued clarifying instructions providing greater security. Mr. Hood believes the fault was not with Clerk Ferguson but was with Chief Clerk McManus and with the SAC. Mr. Hood has now taken action to avoid the possibility of a further breach of security in his office. Memo of explanation is attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. Letter of censure to SAC Hood for failure to assure himself that all steps had been taken to provide adequate security, and for failure to make certain that security measures were adequate.

2. Letter of censure to Chief Clerk Marguerite McManus for not closely supervising employees in her office and failing to assure adequate security.

3. No action regarding [] inasmuch as she was operating in accordance with procedures laid out for her.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Division recommends that letters of censure be directed to SAC Hood and Chief Clerk McManus in this matter.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THEIR PERSONNEL FILES ARE ATTACHED

J. Gray 11/10/54 ✓

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J. Gray
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Letter to Clerk
McManus
Under Isaac Hood
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J. Gray

I agree
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[Signature]

I concur.
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November 20, 1952

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

Thank you very much indeed for your suggestion of November 10, 1952, concerning a proposal designed to improve and increase security in the handling of confidential information in field offices.

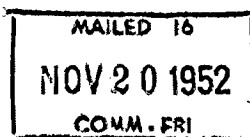
The Bureau is indeed grateful for the interest which you have given this matter and for your initiative in presenting your thoughts. You may rest assured careful consideration will be given to your idea and, in the event it is possible to take favorable action relative to it, you will be promptly informed.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am happy to advise you that you are being removed
from a probationary status on the rolls of this Bureau
effective this date.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

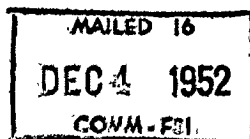
CC - Mr. Glavin

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SAC Hood was placed on probation on 8/26/52 because of the
improper and unsatisfactory manner in which he supervised the
investigation of the case entitled, [REDACTED] Riggs
National Bank, Larceny of Brinks Armored Car, Washington, D. C.
on 8/25/52; Bank Robbery, Larceny." You will recall in this
particular case the Bureau was scooped by the local police be-
cause of our ineffective liaison and the manner in which the
case was supervised.

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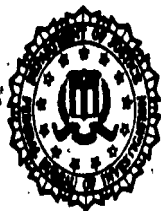


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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 18, 1952

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent, of the FBI who has previously contributed to this fund and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent. I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of \$10, payable to the Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for a continuous period of two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund which I understand is to be administered in the following manner. The liability of the fund shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount of monies in the fund at the time any liability shall occur.

The Director of the FBI will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director in pertinent matters. The Assistant Director of the Administrative Division of the FBI shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director. Upon the death of any Special Agent who is a member of said fund the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Assistant Director of the Administrative Division, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000. The following person is designated as my beneficiary for FBI Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Mrs. Hilda F. Hood Relationship Wife Date 11-18-52

Address 2480 - 16th St., N. W., Apt. 133, Washington 9, D. C.

The following person is designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500 death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

NAME Mrs. Hilda F. Hood Relationship Wife Date 11-18-52

Address 2480 - 16th St., N. W., Apt. 133, Washington 9, D. C.

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Very truly yours, *O*

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Richard S. Hood
Special Agent in Charge

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

PX
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: November 10, 1952

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT : SECURITY OF OFFICE

R. B. ^OHold

As an effective means of accurately and promptly identifying Agents who may call the File Room, Information clerk or other clerical employees for necessary information, the suggestion is made that, as a means of identification, Agents use their Badge number. This number is never known to outsiders and is not visible to them even when the Badge is displayed. The credential card is not suggested for this purpose for the number thereon could be remembered by an individual to whom it is shown for identification purposes.

It is suggested that several index boxes containing the names of all Agents assigned to the office, together with their Badge numbers, be placed at the necessary desks, such as indices check and Information clerk, and whenever Agents call in requesting any type of information they give their name and their Badge number, and before the employee even searches for the information a check be made on the Agent's Badge number for identification purposes. If there is any discrepancy, the matter would be immediately referred to the SAC or ASAC for appropriate handling. It is believed this constitutes an individual code for each employee and is much more secure than any other method of identification. If the Agent's name and badge number are correct, then the employee could rely on the identification and furnish the necessary information.

It is relatively simple matter to keep this card index in current shape at all times, for the changes in the Agent personnel are not so rapid that any problem is presented in connection with this. Immediately upon an Agent's arrival in the office, the necessary cards would be prepared.

Authority to establish this procedure of identifying Agent personnel is requested.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: November 24, 1952

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: PEYTON FORD, et al
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICESYNOPSIS

RB. Hood

SAC Hood has recommended 14 Agents as a group be commended for their excellent work performed in connection with the captioned case. This investigation required careful planning, tact and diplomacy. His recommendation is being concurred in by the Investigative Division and it is further recommended that SAC Hood be included in this group. Other offices involved in this investigation did a good job but in line with regular duty and under supervision of Washington Field Office and Seat of Government.

Supervisor E. C. Williams of the Accounting, Fraud, Selective Service and Civil Section, supervised this case in a commendatory manner with a limited amount of supervision required over him. It is believed he should also be commended and since his reallocation to Grade Gs 13 is to be reconsidered in November of this year that consideration be given to reallocating him when funds are available.

FACTS

The attached letter from SAC Hood has been referred from the Administrative Division for recommendations from this Division as to the proposal made by SAC Hood that as a group, Special Agents of his office who worked on this case be commended in a letter from the Bureau.

As investigation of this case has been concluded, and as SAC Hood points out, in view of the nature of the inquiries, this case had to be handled delicately and required the utmost in discretion, tact and judgment. There were interviews with Departmental Attorneys, Cabinet officers, members of Congressional committees and leading Government attorneys at the outset. All of the interviews were conducted without complaint of incident and were searching and thorough.

It is believed that SAC Hood's recommendations should be approved and, further, that he, himself, be specifically included in the letter as having done a commendatory job since he personally saw to it that this case was coordinated and investigated properly out of the Washington Field Office.

ATTACHMENT

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While other divisions such as the New York Division and the Philadelphia Division did considerable work in this case, the main coordination of it was from the Washington Field Office and the Seat of Government. Each office was specifically told how to handle its leads and, accordingly, while a good job was done by other offices, it is believed that such a job was done in line with regular duty. Here in Washington, however, a different situation prevailed, particularly in view of the large number of interviews that had to be handled with tact and discretion with officials of the Department and other agencies as well as top attorneys in the Department and outside the Department.

SUPERVISION AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

Supervisor Williams coordinated and supervised this case at the Seat of Government. He did this in an admirable manner and with a minimum of supervision.

Supervisor Williams, it is believed, should also be commended. He has been a Supervisor at the Seat of Government since approximately November of 1951. On March 10, 1952, he was censured for his having failed to include information in a file review.

Subsequently, by memorandum dated August 18, 1952, it was recommended that he be advanced from Grade GS 12 to GS 13. His reallocation was held up because of the censure in March, and it was recommended that it be reconsidered in November, 1952.

In view of the considerable voluntary overtime which Supervisor Williams put in and in view of the admirable way he handled this case, it is believed that he should be commended and, furthermore, that as soon as funds are available consideration be given to his reallocation to Grade GS 13. Williams entered on duty August 16, 1941. He left to go into the service on September 14, 1943. On September 9, 1946, he was reinstated. On July 11, 1948, he was placed in Grade GS 12.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Administrative Division.

ADDENDUM 11/25/52 AR:WW: It is also recommended that a letter of commendation be sent to Mr. Winterrowd on this matter.

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TOLSON'S NOTATION "O. K."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: October 24, 1952

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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FUGITIVE - [REDACTED]

SYNOPSIS:

R. B. Hood

SAC Hood explained that captioned case was received on 7-24-52. It was opened and placed in unassigned status until 9-29-52. Agent handled promptly and on 10-1-52, reported to Hood subject may be [REDACTED] radio and broadcasting official. Hood states when pressure of applicant work let up or or about 9-29-52 additional men were assigned to Criminal work and all unassigned cases were assigned. No unassigned cases in WFO at present. Bureau checks all active cases monthly and follows office of origin when case designates office of origin has failed responsibility of following all deferred cases. Auxiliary offices followed through lists of delinquent matters submitted by all field offices. Instant case sent to field 7-25-52 with leads for WFO and Los Angeles origin. Los Angeles covered leads within thirty days and submitted report dated 8-26-52, restating leads for WFO, thereby following WFO. Recommend letter of censure to SAC Hood for failing to assign fugitive leads. SAC letter attached regarding necessity of covering fugitive leads in thirty days.

BACKGROUND:

The Director has requested an explanation from the WFO of why the captioned case was unassigned for over two months, and if any other such cases are pending. He desired also to know if we have some kind of check at the Dept. of Government on these matters.

DETAILS:

As [REDACTED] advised the captioned case was received at Washington Field Office on July 24, 1952. It was opened immediately and placed in an unassigned status until September 29, 1952. He stated that when the applicant work declined and more personnel were available some of them were assigned to the Criminal Squad and all unassigned work was assigned to them. This occurred on or about 9-29-52.

He has stated in addition, by letter dated 5-12-52, that 11 Agents were assigned to the Criminal Squad and 7 cases were unassigned. Hood further stated the inspection report of Assistant Director Harbo, dated 6-19-52, included a request for four additional Agents for the Criminal Squad and that his letter to the Bureau dated 9-12-52, describing the Supervisory [REDACTED] of the Washington Field Office indicated there [REDACTED]

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were 23 Agents on the Criminal Squad. There are, at present, 39 Agents on this squad. Hood has also pointed out that the investigation of Peyton Ford, et al, began during the first week of August 1952, and it was necessary to take seven Agents off the criminal squad to handle this special. It is to be pointed out that during the month of July 1952, 20 Agents were ordered to the WFO for assignment and during the month of August 1952, five additional Agents were ordered to this office. These assignments were for the over-all needs of the office.

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Regardless of the fact that the Washington Field was carrying unassigned cases, Bureau regulations preclude the unassigning of fugitive cases by reason of the requirement that fugitive leads be covered within thirty days.

(B) There are set forth herewith the various measures which are in effect providing for supervision of deserter investigations:

1. When a case is transmitted to the field for investigation, a form letter is used addressed to the office of origin with copies to all auxiliary offices having leads. This letter states that the office of origin will be responsible for directing and coordinating the investigation.
2. The field has been instructed by means of the FBI Handbook, Bureau Bulletins, and through lectures given in training school that there is a 30-day deadline on fugitive investigative leads.
3. The Deserter Desk checks its cases every thirty days in order to follow the office of origin in delinquent cases. This is a continuing procedure done through a review of the active cases in the deserter index. When this case was checked through the index it was noted that Los Angeles, the office of origin, had submitted a report dated August 29, and was not delinquent.
4. Semiannual listings of delinquent matters (which will now be submitted annually) which are received from each office are reviewed. In these listings each field office lists its delinquent cases. The Supervisors pull the files on the cases listed and review the files to ascertain if the field office has removed the delinquency. By means of these lists the Deserter Desk checks on the delinquency of auxiliary offices.
this should be reconsidered by Exec Conference
5. When it is ascertained that an office is delinquent in the handling of a case, a memorandum (Form O-1) is sent to the office instructing that a report be submitted immediately. If no report is submitted in response to this memorandum, a letter is directed to the SAC stating that a report must be submitted at once.

SUPERVISION OF THIS CASE:

Investigation in this case was instituted by Bureau Letter dated July 23, 1952. By this letter Los Angeles was designated as office of origin and leads were set out for the Seattle Division and Washington Field Office. Washington Field Office was to interview the subject's mother, Mrs. May Miller at 415 Woody Road Station, she is the wife of Justice Miller. When this case was checked in the Deserter Index, it was ascertained that Los Angeles, the office of origin, had conducted its investigation within the deadline period and had submitted a report in which leads were set out for auxiliary offices, including the lead originally furnished the Washington Field Office by the Bureau. (Report dated 8-29-52).

VOLUME OF DESERTER CASES:

In July, 1952, there were 7,691 pending investigative matters in this category, in August, 1952, there were 7,280, and in September, 1952, there were 8,271 pending investigative matters. There is a great turnover in these cases as evidenced by the following figures reflecting the number of cases opened and closed during the past several months:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Cases Opened</u>	<u>Cases Closed</u>
June (1952)	2,283	1,191
July	2,105	1,646
August	1,768	2,529
September	2,763	2,101

The Bureau apprehended 5,542 deserter fugitives during the fiscal year 1952 and during the first quarter of the current fiscal year we have apprehended 2,260 deserter fugitives or nearly 70 per cent of the total of 3,278 fugitives located by the Bureau.

This volume of work is being handled by two Agent Supervisors, each of whom supervise from 2,000 to 2,500 pending cases, and it has not been deemed advisable to assign additional supervisory personnel to this Desk. These men supervise ten clerical employees in connection with the opening and closing of cases, all correspondence, liaison with the various armed services relating to these cases, as well as the establishment of procedures necessary to handle so large a volume. Streamlined procedures have, of necessity, been adopted to cope with this large volume and the rapid turnover of cases. The burden of coordinating and supervising the investigation is upon the office of origin, inasmuch as a thorough review of each case every thirty days to follow auxiliary offices would require many more supervisors to be assigned to this Desk.

CONCLUSIONS:

This matter should have been promptly assigned in order to conform with the Bureau's requirement that fugitive leads be covered within thirty days. It should be noted Los Angeles handled its part of the investigation promptly and found it necessary, in its report of 8-29-52, to restate the lead originally furnished to the Washington Field Office by the Bureau. Washington Field continued to ignore this lead and did not assign this case until September 29, 1952.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That S. E. Hood be censured for failing to assign this matter to conform with Bureau regulations. *I agree*
2. That the letter attached be forwarded to all Special Agents in Charge, reiterating that all fugitive leads are to be covered within thirty days after they are received.

*Letter to SAC H-12
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December 16, 1952

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I have received your explanation concerning the delay in handling the case entitled "Unknown Subject; Driver of Chevrolet Bearing Virginia License 163-242; Internal Security - R." As you are well aware, vitally important information was available in the files of the Washington Field Office; however, this data was not developed and positive action taken from November 17, 1952, until December 8, 1952.

There was an entirely unwarranted delay in the handling of this important investigation. I note that changes have been made in the administrative procedures of the Washington Field Office which, according to you, should entirely eliminate future delays of this type. It is indeed regrettable that mistakes of this kind cannot be avoided and that corrective action is only taken after an unfortunate situation develops. It should be distinctly understood by you that delays of this kind will not be tolerated in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Mr. Reed:

As Special Agent in Charge I expect you to thoroughly trace down and fix the responsibility for each and every gross negligence, as well as to personally examine the procedures which were followed in, or to insure that such an incident as this does not recur. For those reasons you are being placed on probation, and I will expect that in the future in order to demonstrate that you are fully qualified for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, charging your responsibilities you will display a more critical attitude in the examination of such derelictions as occur in your office and will take immediate and forceful steps to pinpoint responsibility and correct such faults.

(u) J Edgar Hoover
 Mailed by the Postmaster

cc: SAC, WFO File
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Mr. Glavin has advised that the Director instructed that SAC Hood be severely censured and placed on probation.

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MR. GLAVIN

December 3, 1952

H. L. EDWARDS

INFORMATION CONCERNING STATUS OF
BUREAU POSITIONS IN GRADE GS-16

(R. B. Howell)

Pursuant to your request the following information is submitted concerning the Grade GS-16 positions approved for the Bureau. You will recall that Grade GS-16 is one of the so-called super grades and has a base salary of \$12,000 per annum. All of the Grade 16 positions which the Bureau now has resulted from creation of the same and approval in our Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

I. TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADE GS-16 POSITIONS IN THE BUREAU, INCLUDING VACANCIES

The Bureau recieved approval for 20 positions in Grade GS-16

II. DISTRIBUTION OF GS-16 POSITIONS AS BETWEEN FIELD AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT

The Senate Report on our Appropriation Bill stated that 10 of the Grade GS-16 positions are for the Executive Assistants at the Washington headquarters and the remaining 10 are for the SACs of the larger field offices.

III. INFORMATION REGARDING GS-16 POSITIONS FILLED AND THOSE VACANT

(a). Seat of Government

Nine Seat of Government positions have been filled and one is vacant. Those filled are: Frank C. Holloman, Director's Office; John P. Mohr, Mr. Tolson's Office; E. D. Mason, #1 Man in Training Division; N. P. Callahan, #1 Man in Administrative Division; John J. McGuire, #1 Man in Records & Communications Division; Carl E. Hennrich and Leo L. Laughlin, #1 Men in Domestic Intellgence Division; E. Hugo Winterrowd, #1 Man in Investigative Division; D. J. Parsons, #1 Man in Laboratory Division. All effective 7/20/52.

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Memo to Mr. Glavin - (Continued)

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Four field positions have been filled and 6 are vacant. A fifth field position had been filled by SAC Scheidt but he was demoted to GS-15 11/9/52.

The 4 field positions occupied are SAC R. D. Auerbach at Seattle, effective 7/20/52; SAC L. V. Boardman at New York, effective 8/3/52; SAC, R. B. Hood of Washington Field Office, effective 7/20/52; ASAC W. M. Whelan, Jr. of New York, effective 7/20/52.

IV. SUMMARY

One Seat of Government vacancy and 6 field vacancies in Grade GS-16 exist.

January 13, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This afternoon I saw Special Agent in Charge Richard B. Hood of the Washington Field Office. I advised Mr. Hood that I was not satisfied with the current operations of the Washington Field Office and that I felt that the supervisory personnel of that Office were not as firm and as thorough in the direction of the work of the Washington Field Office as they should be.

I called his attention particularly to the recent breach of security, wherein a surveillance schedule was lost by some Agent in that Office and fell into the hands of a subject. I pointed out to Mr. Hood that I was not pleased with his reaction to this matter in that the memorandum forwarded to me indicated that he felt that everything had been done to assure security. I told him I could not agree to his conclusion because the fact was that the schedule was lost and fell into the hands of the subject. I told him that obviously we could not hope to get a sense of real security in any office if the man in charge did not consider a breach of security a serious matter and take steps to prevent a recurrence of it.

I also spoke to Mr. Hood about the handling of the request with Senator Bingham for access to the Davis file, wherein the Agent handling the case wanted to take the file and photostat it. I pointed out to him that the instructions were that the Agent should review the file and I felt Senator Bingham was entirely within his rights in denying the Agent the right to photostat the file.

I also called to Mr. Hood's attention the delay in the Security case, Virginia License 163-242, wherein there was pertinent information in the Washington Field Office files and no action was taken by the Field from November 17 to December 8, 1952. I called his attention to the delay in the Miller fugitive case which had remained unassigned in the Washington Field Office for two months, notwithstanding the Bureau requirement that leads in fugitive cases be covered within thirty days. I also called his attention to the delay of fifteen days in the Ray Brennan impersonation case.

I also called his attention to the lack of security in the Washington Field Office as indicated at the time that a security check was made and an employee was able to obtain information without properly identifying himself, and further to the fact that Inspectors' Aides, during the last inspection, were admitted to the Washington Field Office by building employees.

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I called his attention to the fact that informant coverage in the Washington Field Office had been reported as being grossly inadequate in both the subversive and criminal fields.

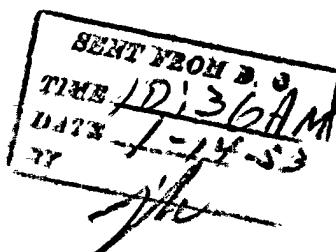
I told Mr. Hood that all of this added up to the fact that there was a certain softness in the administration of the Washington Field Office and that this could not be allowed to continue; that I wanted him to immediately get together his supervisory staff and indicate to them my displeasure at the manner in which the office is being operated, and the imperative need for correction of same.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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January 6, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following Special Agents in Charge are presently on probation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
C. E. Weeks	Honolulu	2-26-52	10-28-52	_____	Improper supervision of a security investigation in the Honolulu Division. Because of unsatisfactory condition of criminal informant coverage disclosed during recent inspection.
	Continued	11-12-52			
A Cornelius, Jr.	Salt Lake City	7-8-52	10-11-52	_____	Failure to bring about the necessary improvement in the criminal informant coverage of the Philadelphia Office.
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B. Hood	Washington Field	12-23-52	6-20-52	_____	Because of gross breach of security which recently occurred in connection with the Security Investigation involving
E. A. Soucy	Knoxville	9-18-52	8-28-52	12-18-52	Because of lack of attention to communications costs and excessive automobile operational costs within the Knoxville Division.
G. D. King	Indianapolis	10-7-52	9-16-52	_____	Delinquencies discovered during inspection of the Indianapolis Office.
R. N. Hosteny	Springfield	10-30-52	10-1-52	_____	Delinquencies discovered during inspection of the Springfield Office.

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Scheidt	Detroit	11-4-52	12-10-52	_____	Because of his disregard of Bureau rules and regulations.
G. C. Burton	Portland	11-18-52	11-1-52 (Denver Office)	_____	Because of delinquencies discovered by Inspector Stein.
J. J. Casper	New Haven	12-8-52	11-7-52	_____	Because of delinquencies discovered during inspection of the New Haven Office.
R. W. Wall	Miami	12-19-52	12-11-52	_____	Because of excessive delinquencies disclosed during inspection of the Miami Office.
P. J. Shine	Cleveland	12-31-52	6-21-52	_____	Because of his extremely poor judgment in handling the case entitled. [redacted] [redacted] Fugitive: [redacted] Fugitive; Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle", at the Regent Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio on December 21, 1952.

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Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin

TO : MR. TOLSON
FROM : J. P. MOHR
SUBJECT: GRADE GS-16 VACANCIES
FIELD

DATE: 12/10/52

As you know, there are presently five Grade GS-16 vacancies in the field out of the ten which were allocated for the field service in our last appropriation. The five that have been filled are presently held by the following individuals: L. V. Bhardman, W. M. Whelan, New York City; John F. Malone, Chicago; R. B. Hood, Washington Field; R. D. Auerbach, Seattle.

As you know, in the past we have considered the allocation of Grade GS-16 positions to the SACs in the larger divisional offices. Included in the top ten largest offices are the following with the SACs who have been considered for Grade GS-16:

1. Los Angeles is the second largest office based on the number of investigative matters pending as of November 30, 1952. SAC Carson was considered for one of the Grade GS-16 positions; however, he was passed over in view of the difficulties Carson has had in administering not only the Los Angeles Office but the poor shape the Baltimore Office was in after he left there. Furthermore, Carson was not particularly aggressive in his handling of the Chief of Police of the Los Angeles Police Department nor did he show sufficient initiative in reducing his clerical employees in the Los Angeles Division. You will recall it was during the IACP convention that Mr. Clegg checked on the clerical personnel in the Los Angeles Office and as a result sharp reductions were recommended by Mr. Clegg as well as in the number of telephones in the Los Angeles Division. The Los Angeles Office was last inspected in May 1952 and is scheduled for reinspection in the early Spring of 1953.

2. San Francisco is the third largest office based on the number of investigative matters pending as of November 30, 1952. As you know, we recently considered SAC D. K. Brown for Grade GS-16 and it was recommended that he be passed over at this time and reconsidered after the San Francisco Office has been inspected, which inspection is scheduled for April 1953.

3. Detroit is the sixth largest office based on the number of investigative matters pending as of November 30, 1952. SAC Scheidt is in charge of the Detroit Office and as you know, we recently put Mr. Scheidt on probation as a result of delinquencies found in the New York Office and he was also demoted from Grade GS-16 to Grade GS-15. Consequently no action should be taken to consider Mr. Scheidt for reallocation to Grade GS-16 at this time.

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4. Philadelphia is the seventh largest office based on the number of investigative matters pending as of November 30, 1952. SAC Abbaticchio was recently designated as SAC of that office and it is not felt he should be considered for Grade GS-16 until the office has been inspected. The Philadelphia Office is scheduled for inspection in February or March 1953.

5. Newark is the eighth largest office based on the number of investigative matters pending as of November 30, 1952. SAC McKee has been assigned to Newark since March 1, 1943 and he is presently in Grade GS-15. Mr. McKee is not presently on probation, it being noted he was removed from probation in July 1952. He was placed in that status as a result of the gross inequities in the overtime in his office during March 1952. You will recall that in May 1952, the Director had SAC McKee report to the Seat of Government and he personally discussed with him the situation in the Newark Division and expressed his dissatisfaction with the operation of the Newark Office. It is not felt that SAC McKee should be reallocated to Grade GS-16 at this time.

The offices which rank ninth and tenth in size based on the number of investigative matters pending as of November 30, 1952 are Cleveland and Boston. As you know, we recently reallocated SAC Shine at Cleveland to Grade GS-15 and the recent inspection of the Boston Division reflected numerous delinquencies which would make it highly undesirable to consider SAC Hostetter for Grade GS-16 at this time.

From the foregoing it would appear that none of the SACs in the larger offices who normally would be considered for Grade GS-16 should be so considered at this time.

February 5, 1953

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is pleased to advise you that you are
being removed from a probationary status.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC Hood was placed on probation 12-23-52 because of gross breach
of security which occurred in connection with the Security investi-
gation involving [redacted]

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Ladd ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Belmont ☒
Mr. Clegg ☒
Mr. Glavin ☒
Mr. Harbo ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Tracy ☒
Mr. Mohr ☒
Mr. Winterrowd ☒
Mr. Holloman ☒
Mr. Sizoo ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

*SAC Hood
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Letter to SAC

Hood 2/5/53

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See Me ☐
Note and Return ☐
For Your Recommendation ☐
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V/m*

DATE: February 5, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: LOSS OF BRIEF CASE CONTAINING
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE MAIL
APPROXIMATELY 3:00 PM.
FEBRUARY 3, 1953
TENTH AND CONSTITUTION, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C.

R. B. Hood

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As you know, the lost brief case was recovered yesterday afternoon, and the contents were undisturbed. It was located at the Army Courier Service here in Washington.

The recovery of the brief bag was a result of the very intensive and diligent investigation conducted by the Washington Field Office under the personal supervision of SAC Hood.

The men assigned to this case worked diligently and showed forcefulness, imagination, and aggressiveness. They worked with regard to time.

The following Agents in the Washington Field Office were assigned to the case.

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Conrad L. Trahern

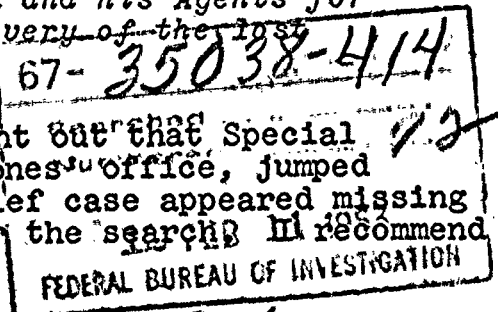
Amos M. Teasley

Thomas C. Ries

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b7CRECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Administrative Division direct a letter to SAC Hood commending him and his Agents for their excellent work which led to the recovery of the lost brief bag.

In addition, I would like to point out that Special Agent Kemper, presently assigned to Mr. Jones' office, jumped into this matter immediately after the brief case appeared missing and did an outstanding job in planning for the search. I recommend that he be commended.



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Edward J. Kemper

February 6, 1953

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

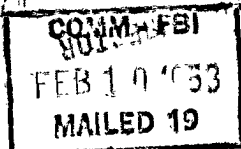
I wanted to advise you, and through you the participating agents, of my sincere appreciation for the expeditious recovery of some lost Bureau property.

I am informed that the agents assigned to this matter worked diligently without regard for time and that your excellent personal supervision was a major factor in the prompt and successful handling of the search for the property. Please convey my personal commendation to everyone concerned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Richard D. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

It is noted that Special Agent Frank P. Holman of your office was involved in an accident while driving a Bureau automobile on January 21, 1953, and this matter was not completed until February 18, 1953, at which time a memorandum was submitted to the Bureau covering the facts of the accident and the decision of the insurers of the parties involved.

The delay of almost a month in bringing this matter to a conclusion and advising the Bureau of the results is unwarranted and clearly indicates that this accident was handled in a dilatory manner. I will expect you to afford such matters closer attention to insure that future accidents involving Bureau automobiles are investigated and reported with the greatest dispatch.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: ✓ SOG Washington Field Office File

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I certify that I have received the following Government property for official use:
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New Commission Card with case # 47
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Old Commission Card with case # 47
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The Government property which you hereby acknowledge is charged to you and you are responsible for taking care of it and returning it when its use has been completed. DO NOT MARK OR WRITE ON IT OR MUTILATE IT IN ANY WAY.

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Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Richard B. Hood
Special Agent

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February 2, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following Special Agents in Charge are presently on probation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAST INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE OF LAST RECHECK</u>	<u>REASON</u>
C.E. Weeks	Honolulu Continued 11-12-52	2-6-52	10-28-52	_____	Improper supervision of a security investigation in the Honolulu Division. Because of unsatisfactory condition of criminal informant coverage disclosed during recent inspection.
A. Cornelius, Jr.	Salt Lake City Continued 9-11-52 Continued 10-27-52	7-8-52	10-11-52 (Philadelphia Office)	_____	Failure to bring about the necessary improvement in the criminal informant coverage of the Philadelphia Office.
R. B. Hood	Washington Field	12-23-52	6-20-52	_____	Because of gross breach of security which recently occurred in connection with the Security Investigation involving [redacted] b6 . b7C
H. D. King	Indianapolis	10-7-52	9-16-52	Under inspection as of 1-19-53. (Full inspection)	Delinquencies discovered during inspection of the Indianapolis Office.
R. N. Hostery	Springfield	10-30-52	10-1-52	_____	Delinquencies discovered during inspection of the Springfield Office.
B. C. Burton	Portland	11-18-52	11-1-52 (Denver Office)	_____	Because of delinquencies discovered by Inspector Stein.

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Because of delinquencies discovered during inspection of the New Haven Office.

R.W. Wall

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Because of excessive delinquencies disclosed during inspection of the Miami Office.

L.V. Boardman

New York

1-16-53

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Because of delinquencies discovered during inspection of the New York Office.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V/m*

DATE: May 11, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *O*
R. B. HOOD, SAC, Washington Field Office
C. E. ~~PIPER~~, Transferred as SAC, Honolulu *the V/m*

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For record purposes, I talked to the two above-mentioned Special Agents in Charge today.

I went over the matter of speaking engagements, press contacts, answering inquiries from the press and general matters of public relations of their field office districts.

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May 4, 1953

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your communication of April 10, 1953, concerning the feasibility of the Bureau renting automobiles from fleet dealers.

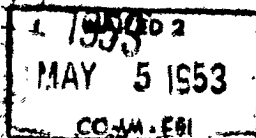
This matter has been considered in the past by the Bureau and it has been unfavorably acted upon. As you know, the Bureau in purchasing automobiles demands special equipment in such machines such as alternators, heavy-duty batteries, and puncture proof, blowout proof, tubeless tires, and in addition, other equipment which will meet our specifications. For these reasons, the usual commercial fleet dealer agreement could not be entered into because the manufacturer would have to have cars specially equipped for the Bureau and this would not be the usual equipment included on commercially rented vehicles.

Further, it would be necessary to install two-way radios, etc., in the cars with added expense of installation and removal on an annual basis which is not a problem at the present time.

For your further information, you are advised that the Government can spend no more than \$1400 on the purchase of cars under existing legislation and since most of the Bureau's cars are maintained for a period of from five to six years and a reasonable amount is secured upon sale of such vehicles, such sales bringing from \$300 to \$500 per car, it will be seen that the annual cost of such vehicles to the Bureau is not excessive.

CC: Mr. Mason (sent direct)

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Mr. Richard B. Hood

May 4, 1953

It is not felt that it would be advantageous or more economical for the Bureau to enter into such an agreement with the manufacturer of any type of automotive equipment.

Although your suggestion has not been adopted, I do appreciate your interest in the work of the Bureau which prompted you to submit this suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *V/m*
 FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*
 SUBJECT: SAC HOOD, Washington Field Office
 R.B. Hood

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I conferred with the above-named SAC during the time he was at the seat of government for two-day conference.

The handling of [] was discussed in detail, and Hood indicated this matter was being given his personal supervision. []

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The confidential informant coverage of the Washington Field Office was gone over, and Hood's attention was called to the necessity of establishing complete coverage in the criminal, as well as the subversive field.

We discussed the program of training new agents, particularly the fact that in Washington this situation must be carefully supervised, due to the fact that the agents of the Washington Field Office are in daily contact with top level government officials. I stressed the need for thorough investigations, not merely reporting of information received, and Hood indicated he had been and was giving personal attention to the development and training of newer agents in the Washington Field Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *Dr*

DATE: May 12, 1953

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *File*

SUBJECT:

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On the morning of May 11, 1953, I conferred with SAC Hood, of the Washington Field Office, concerning the security work in that division. Among the matters discussed were such items as _____

_____ security informant coverage, handling of security investigations, the Emergency Detention Program, and the new Security Program for Government Employees.

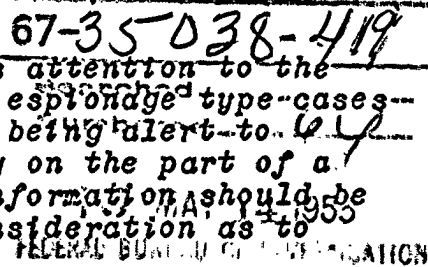
I stressed to SAC Hood the need for reducing delinquency in espionage cases. It is noted that Washington Field does a good investigative job for the Bureau in espionage and nationalistic tendency cases.

In discussing security informant coverage, SAC Hood was advised that the Washington Field should continue its efforts to obtain additional security informants with a view to effecting better coverage of Communist Party activities. I also advised Mr. Hood that he should continue to watch closely the delinquency in security matters and keep it at a minimum.

I took up with SAC Hood the new Executive Order pertaining to Security Requirements for Government Employees and discussed this briefly. He was advised that an SAC Letter dealing with this program would be forthcoming in the immediate future. In connection with the handling of loyalty matters, the necessity of meeting deadlines was emphasized, and SAC Hood was advised that he must see that these deadlines are met.

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In addition, I called Mr. Hood's attention to the fact that all agents working security and espionage type cases should be impressed with the necessity of being alert to information indicating possible disloyalty on the part of a government employee; further, that such information should be immediately reported to the Bureau for consideration as to opening a loyalty investigation.



I also told Mr. Hood that whenever a security informant is exposed or becomes available to testify in cases such as Smith Act, etc., an immediate review of past loyalty cases wherein the informant might testify should be made and the Bureau appropriately advised.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Wm*

DATE: May 11, 1953

FROM : R. T. Harbo *RH*SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH SAC R. B. HOOD
WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

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In conference with SAC Hood I covered the following:

1. Requested him to aid us in keeping up to date our records on local crime laboratories or laboratories maintained by other Federal Government agencies. Specifically, I mentioned the Washington Police Department laboratory as well as those of the Post Office Department and Treasury Department.

2. Need for great care in handling evidence.

3. Bureau need for Chinese translator and applicants for position of cryptographer.

4. With reference to [redacted] I advised him that Laboratory will reinstall their remote receivers at [redacted] on [redacted] which will result in increased radio coverage for those areas.

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5. I advised Hood that the Bureau is presently receiving delivery on miniature radio transceivers, that one or more units will be allocated to the Washington Field Office in the near future and that in the meantime if they had a special, urgent need for such equipment he should contact the Laboratory.

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Laboratory will follow.

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May 14, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On May 12, 1953, I saw Special Agent in Charge Richard B. Hood of the Washington Field Office. Mr. Hood is one of the older SAC's in the service and makes an excellent personal appearance.

I discussed with him my concern about the security tightness of his Field Division, pointing out that it had been possible to obtain certain information by making phone calls to his office without having the identity of the caller thoroughly checked out. I also called attention to the list which had fallen into the hands of a subject whom we had under surveillance. I told Mr. Hood that it was imperative, particularly at the Seat of Government, that the tightest security be maintained and I felt that he should at frequent intervals remind all of the employees at his Field Office, both investigative and clerical, of their responsibility in this field.

I also spoke to Mr. Hood about the amount of time Agents are spending in the office. I stated I realized there was a certain amount of dictation and file review work which had to be done but that there was too strong a tendency upon the part of too many Agents to take advantage of opportunities to remain in the field offices and not be out conducting active investigations.

I spoke to him about the stenographic situation in his Field Division and he told me that they were short fifteen stenographers. He stated that the oldest dictation awaiting transcription was some assigned April 22. This is a very critical situation and I do want the utmost efforts made to break this jam and endeavor to obtain stenographic assistance for the Washington Field Office.

I also called Mr. Hood's attention to the fact that the report submitted to me showed that during the first three months of 1953, there were sixty-four speeches handled by the Washington Field Office. This appears on page three of Mr. Glavin's memorandum upon Mr. Hood dated May 7, 1953. I told Mr. Hood that this report further showed that he, Mr. Hood, made eight and Mr. Fletcher made three, totaling eleven of the sixty-four. Mr. Hood told me that this was incorrect in that there were not sixty-four speeches assigned to the Washington Field Office to handle during the first three months of 1953. He stated this figure probably covered

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all the speeches made in the city of Washington, most of which were made by representatives of the Bureau from FBI headquarters. I wish that you would look into this matter because if Mr. Hood's statement is correct, then I was furnished inaccurate information by Mr. Glavin in his memorandum of May 7, and, furthermore, I have on several occasions indicated that I wanted Mr. Hood to be assigned the speeches to be made in the Washington Field Division. There may be a few exceptions but these exceptions should be quite few and only on occasions of major meetings where a high official of the Bureau headquarters should make a speech. Washington Field should be treated no differently as to speech-making than any other Field Division of the country.

I also discussed with Mr. Hood the new U. S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, Mr. Leo Rover. I told Mr. Hood that I had recently noted that Assistant U. S. Attorney Hitz and another Assistant U. S. Attorney had conducted certain interviews of persons who had been previously interviewed by the Bureau and had had Agents sit in on these subsequent interviews. I told Mr. Hood that I recognized that there might be a few instances in which this would be necessary but that I had noted, particularly upon the part of Hitz, a propensity to indulge in Sherlock Holmes' activities and I thought it would be well for Mr. Hood to see that the U. S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia did not assume the conducting of investigations but would leave such matters to the FBI in cases in which we had primary jurisdiction.

I told Mr. Hood that I had noted his letter concerning Agent Zander and the latter's associations with Mr. Hummer. I told Mr. Hood that I did not agree with his conclusion in this matter in that I thought that Mr. Zander should have promptly reported the comment which Mr. Hummer made to him recently about the memorandum which this Bureau had directed to the Department concerning Mr. Hummer's actions, which memorandum Hummer alleged had been routed to him, presumably by the Attorney General, with the notation 'For your amusement.' "

I also mentioned to Mr. Hood the imperative need for the development of adequate coverage in the District of Columbia and that we should not and must not depend upon the Washington Police Department for sources of information in cases which were within our primary jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

JEH

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SENT FROM D. 3
TIME 10:10A
DATE 5-15-61
BY 9-10

MLV
April 22, 1983

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Dear [Redacted]

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This is in response to your letter of March 25.

We have searched Bureau files for the aliases that you have indicated may have been used by [Redacted] however, no record identifiable with your relative was found.

Former Special Agent Richard B. Hood was in charge of the Los Angeles FBI Office from October, 1940 to October, 1951, during the time that the incidents depicted in "The House on 92nd Street" occurred. We have contacted him about your inquiry; however, he advised that he has no knowledge of [Redacted] or anyone who used any of the other names you listed.

For your information, a copy of "A Citizen's Guide On How To Use The Freedom Of Information Act And The Privacy Act In Requesting Government Documents" is enclosed.

A representative of our Minneapolis Office will contact you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
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Roger S. Young
Assistant Director in Charge
Office of Congressional
and Public Affairs

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Exec AD Inv. FBI Enclosure
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Exec AD LES 1 - Mr. Richard B. Hood - Enclosures (2)
Asst. Dir.: Box 322
Adm. Servs. Sherwood Oaks, PA 16046
Crim. Inv. Mars, Pennsylvania
Ident. 1 - Minneapolis - Enclosures (2)
Intell. Attention SAC: Minneapolis Division is requested to inter-
Laboratory view [Redacted] to determine whether this is a legitimate
Legal Coun. inquiry or a chronic complainant. Headquarters should be
Plan. & Insp. advised of the results of this interview.
Rec. Mgnt.
Tech. Servs.
Training
Public Affs. Off.
Telephone Rm.
Director's Sec'y

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SEE OTHER DESIGNATIONS AND NOTE PAGE 2

Return to [Redacted] 7350

- [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted] - Enclosure
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NOTE: [redacted] interest in a distant relative. [redacted]
[redacted] who she believes was an FBI informant [redacted] was
brought to our attention earlier this year. On 3/16/83, she
was sent a letter saying that we could find no information about
[redacted] in Bureau files. We told her that if she could send us
more specific information, we would do another check. Her letter
of 3/25 contained more names used by [redacted]. These were checked
and no record was found. Richard B. Hood (67-35038) was in the
FBI from 9/34 to 7/53. He was SAC in LA from 10/40 to 10/51 and
SAC at WFO from 10/51 to 7/53. His current address is Sherwood
Oaks, Box 322, Mars, Pennsylvania 16046; phone number 412/776-8322.
On 4/13/83, SA [redacted] of the OCPA Research Unit telephoned
Hood, who advised that he had never heard of [redacted] or any
of the aliases she may have used. He was in LA when the movie,
"The House on 92nd Street" was prepared and released. He was con-
tacted recently by the San Francisco Division about this same
inquiry. He requested copies of our correspondence with [redacted]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: May 15, 1953

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT: SAC HOOD
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Tolson	
Ladd	
Nichols	
Belmont	
Mohr	
Glavin	
Harbo	
Rosen	
Tracy	
Laughlin	
Nease	
Winterrowd	
Tele. Rm.	
Holloman	
Gandy	

I discussed a number of matters with the above-mentioned Special Agent in Charge during his attendance at conferences at the Bureau on May 11 and 12, 1953.

1. I discussed with him the need for continued economy, pointing out that our funds are very limited and to conserve not only this year but also next year.

2. I spoke to him concerning the need for additional personnel in the Bureau and he should do everything possible to get such personnel for us.

3. I also spoke to him concerning the need for additional clerical employees in the Washington Field Office. He did not mention any set number of clerical employees needed; however, he did state additional stenographers are particularly needed in that office. I pointed out to Mr. Hood that I felt he should be able to secure stenographers and clerical employees through the efforts of his own office. I did point out we would do everything we could to assist him in securing a sufficient number of clerical employees to keep the work of the Washington Field Office in a current status.

4. I congratulated SAC Hood on the excellent record the Washington Field Office has as to the average cost of repairs to vehicles assigned to that office and to insure that this record is maintained.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : A. Rosen *to* *sr*

SUBJECT: SAC R. B. HOOD
WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE ✓

DATE: May 19, 1953

Tolson _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Belmont _____
Clegg _____
Glavin _____
Harbo _____
Rosen _____
Tracy _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
 Sizoo _____
Miss Gandy _____

SAC Hood was interviewed by me on May 12, 1953, during his attendance at a Two-Day Conference.

The need for meeting deadlines in the Special Inquiry and applicant cases was pointed out to Mr. Hood; however, he was reminded that these cases should be developed fully and thoroughly and that thoroughness cannot be sacrificed for expediency. Mr. Hood stated that they are doing everything possible to meet the deadlines in these cases.

Comparison of the accomplishments for the first nine months of Fiscal Year 1952 with the first nine months of Fiscal Year 1953 reveals an increase in convictions obtained; fines, savings, and recoveries effected; fugitives located; and automobiles recovered.

The need for additional Criminal Informants in the Washington Field Office was discussed with Mr. Hood. Seven Criminal Informants are currently furnishing information to Washington Field, none of whom is regularly paid. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During the last six months approximately one and one-third hours per Agent per month were being devoted to the development of new informants. Although two approved informants have been added since February 1953, Mr. Hood was advised that there is room for additional improvement, and he was instructed to follow this matter closely, as the time spent developing informants is very low.

SAC Hood is aware of the need for giving Civil Rights matters immediate, expeditious, and thorough investigation, and of the potential which exists in these matters.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

REPORT OF PERFORMANCE RATING

Name of Employee: RICHARD B. HOOD

Where Assigned: WASHINGTON FIELD
(Division) (Section, Unit)

Payroll Title: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Rating Period: from 4/1/52 to 3/31/53

ADJECTIVE RATING: SATISFACTORY
Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

Employee's
Initials

Rated by: [Signature] ASSISTANT 3/31/53
Signature Title Date

Reviewed by: [Signature] ASSOCIATE 3/31/53
Signature Title Date

Rating approved by: [Signature] ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MAY 27 1953
Signature Title Date

TYPE OF REPORT

(x) Official
(x) Annual

() Administrative
() 60-day
() Transfer
() Separation from service
() Special

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NARRATIVE COMMENTS

Note: The regulations require that OUTSTANDING ratings be supported by a statement in writing setting forth IN DETAIL the performance IN EVERY ASPECT and the REASONS for considering each worthy of SPECIAL COMMENDATION. UNSATISFACTORY ratings must be supported by a statement in writing stating (1) WHEREIN the performance is unsatisfactory, (2) the facts of the (90 day) PRIOR WARNING, and (3) the efforts made AFTER THE WARNING TO HELP the employee bring his performance up to a satisfactory level.

PERFORMANCE RATING GUIDE FOR INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL

(For use as attachment to Performance Rating Form No. FD-185)

Name of Employee RICHARD B. HOODTitle SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGERating Period: from 4/1/52 to 3/31/53

RATING GUIDE AND CHECK-LIST

Note: Only those items having pertinent bearing on employee's performance should be rated. All employees in same salary grade should be compared. Rate items as follows:

- + Outstanding (exceeding excellent and deserving special commendation).
✓ Satisfactory (ranging from good to excellent but not sufficient to rate outstanding).
= Unsatisfactory.
○ No opportunity to appraise performance during rating period.

Guide for determining adjective rating:

An 'Outstanding' rating cannot be justified unless all elements rated are 'plus', and in addition, of course, supporting comments must comply with the requirements as set out on the reverse of form FD-185.

So far as 'Satisfactory' and 'Unsatisfactory' ratings are concerned, it is impossible to provide a mechanical formula for computing the various 'plus', 'check', and 'minus' marks because such would presume equal weight for all elements rated. Good judgment must be exercised to insure that the adjective rating is reasonable in the light of the elements rated. All minus marks must be supported by narrative detail, and of course, all 'Unsatisfactory' ratings must comply with the requirements as set out on the reverse of form FD-185.

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| <u>+</u> (1) Personal appearance. | <u>+</u> (17) Firearms ability. |
| <u>+</u> (2) Personality and effectiveness of his personal contacts. | <u>+</u> (18) Development of informants and sources of information. |
| <u>+</u> (3) Attitude (including dependability, cooperativeness, loyalty, enthusiasm, amenability and willingness to equitably share work load). | <u>+</u> (19) Reporting ability: |
| <u>+</u> (4) Physical fitness (including health, energy, stamina). | <u>+</u> (a) Investigative reports |
| <u>+</u> (5) Resourcefulness and ingenuity. | <u>+</u> (b) Summary reports |
| <u>+</u> (6) Forcefulness and aggressiveness as required. | <u>+</u> (c) Memos, letters, wires |
| <u>+</u> (7) Judgment, including common sense, ability to arrive at proper conclusions; ability to define objectives. | (Consider: <u>+</u> conciseness; <u>+</u> clarity; <u>+</u> organization; <u>+</u> thoroughness; <u>+</u> accuracy; <u>+</u> adequacy and pertinency of leads; <u>+</u> administrative detail.) |
| <u>+</u> (8) Initiative and the taking of appropriate action on own responsibility. | <u>+</u> (20) Performance as a witness. |
| <u>+</u> (9) Planning ability and its application to the work. | <u>+</u> (21) Executive ability: |
| <u>+</u> (10) Accuracy and attention to pertinent detail. | <u>+</u> (a) Leadership |
| <u>+</u> (11) Industry, including energetic consistent application to duties. | <u>+</u> (b) Ability to handle personnel |
| <u>+</u> (12) Productivity, including amount of acceptable work produced and rate of progress on or completion of assignments. Also consider adherence to deadlines unless failure to meet is attributable to causes beyond employee's control. | <u>+</u> (c) Planning |
| <u>+</u> (13) Knowledge of duties, instructions, rules and regulations, including readiness of comprehension and 'knowhow' of application. | <u>+</u> (d) Making decisions |
| <u>+</u> (14) Technical or mechanical skills. | <u>+</u> (e) Assignment of work |
| <u>+</u> (15) Investigative ability and results: | <u>+</u> (f) Training subordinates |
| <u>+</u> (a) Internal security cases | <u>+</u> (g) Devising procedures |
| <u>+</u> (b) Criminal or general investigative cases | <u>+</u> (h) Emotional stability |
| <u>+</u> (c) Fugitive cases | <u>+</u> (i) Promoting high morale |
| <u>+</u> (d) Applicant cases | <u>+</u> (j) Getting results |
| <u>+</u> (e) Accounting cases | <u>+</u> (22) Ability on raids and dangerous assignments: |
| <u>+</u> (16) Physical surveillance ability. | <u>+</u> (a) As leader |
| | <u>+</u> (b) As participant |
| | <u>+</u> (23) Organizational interest, such as making of suggestions for improvement. |
| | <u>+</u> (24) Ability to work under pressure. |
| | <u>+</u> (25) Miscellaneous. Specify and rate: |
| | _____ |
| | _____ |
| | _____ |

A. Specify general nature of assignment during most of rating period (such as security, criminal, applicant squad, or as resident Agent, supervisor, instructor, etc.): _____

B. Specify employee's most noteworthy special talents (such as investigator, desk man, research, instructor, speaker): _____

C. (1) Is employee available for general assignment wherever needs of service require? YES (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)
 (2) Is employee available for special assignment wherever needs of service require? YES (If answer is not 'yes', explain in narrative comments.)

D. Has employee had any abnormal sick leave record during rating period? _____ (If so, explain in narrative comments.)

ADJECTIVE RATING: _____

SATISFACTORY

Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

June 24, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On June 22, 1953, Special Agent in Charge Hood of the Washington Field Office called to see me to advise me that he had been the recipient of an offer to become assistant to the president of a group of small railroads, which are subsidiaries of the U. S. Steel Corporation. He has been offered a salary of \$13,500 a year and his headquarters would be in Pittsburgh. Mr. Hood stated he had not yet decided whether to accept this position and he wanted to advise me of the offer promptly. He stated there were a number of factors which were rather compelling to the acceptance of the offer, in that Mr. Hood's mother lives in Pittsburgh and is advancing in years, and he would like to be with her. In addition, Mrs. Hood [redacted] resides in Pittsburgh and if he accepted this offer, he could then establish a home in Pittsburgh, which Mrs. Hood and himself most desire.

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I told Mr. Hood that I, of course, would regret losing his services but that he must give such an offer very careful and serious consideration. I urged him to evaluate all aspects of the offer, both the good and the bad. I told him that he had performed very satisfactory services in the Bureau and I had no doubt but that he could go still further in the Bureau if he remained in it, but I would not urge him to remain in the FBI if he wanted to accept this position and it offered greater opportunities for him in the future. Mr. Hood said he would think it over for several days and then advise me of his decision.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Miss Gandy _____

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RECEIVED FROM D. J.
TIME 3:14 P
DATE 6/24/53
BY [signature]

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